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Olympic medalist Neeraj Chopra ties the knot with tennis player Himani Mor | 'X'

NEERAJ CHOPRA TIES KNOT WITH TENNIS PLAYER HIMANI MOR

Javelin superstar Neeraj Chopra, 27, one of India's most eligible bachelors, tied the knot with tennis player Himani Mor, 25, couple of days ago in an intimate ceremony. Chopra announced the marriage with Himani on his social media handles. "I began a new chapter of my life with my family. Grateful for every blessing that brought us to this moment together. Bound by love, happily ever after," he wrote.

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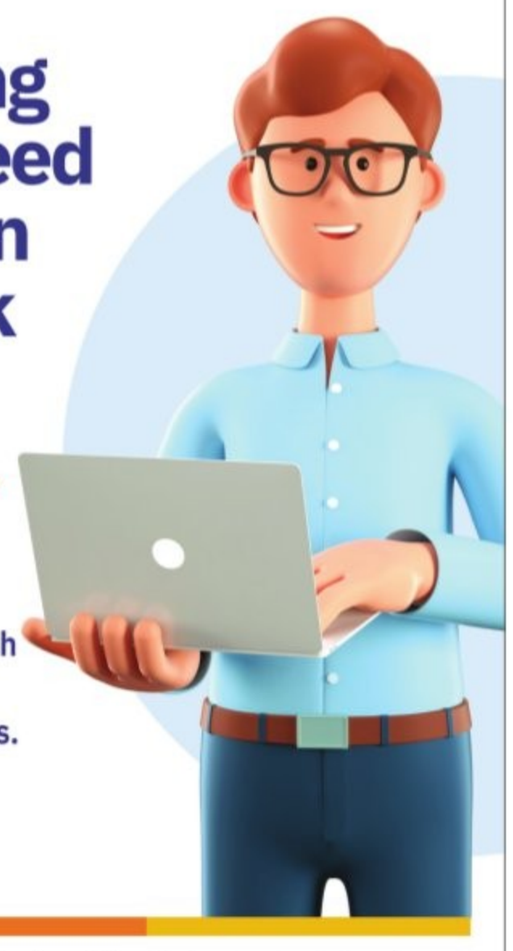

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A-892 'e' Procurement Notice No.ACE, EC-I/10 of 2024-25

1.	Nature of Works	:	**Cement concrete lining work.**
2.	Total No. of Works	:	**05 (Five) Nos. work**
3.	Tender paper Cost (online) (Non-refundable)	:	Rs.10,000.00 (Ten thousand) per each work.
4.	Bid details are as follows:		

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Tender Cost (Rs. in Lakh) (Approx.)	EMD (On-line) (in Rs.)	Class of Contractor	Period of completion	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding From	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding To	Date of Opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I)
Additional Chief Engineer, Eastern Circle-I, Cuttack	ACE, EC-I MSD 01 of 2024-25	235.00	2,35,000.00	'B'&'A'	10 (Ten) months	22.01.2025 at 10.00 hrs..	05.02.2025 upto 17.30 hrs.	06.02.2025 at 11.30 hrs.
	ACE, EC-I MSD 02 of 2024-25	232.90	2,32,900.00					
	ACE, EC-I MSD 03 of 2024-25	226.60	2,26,600.00					
	ACE, EC-I MSD 04 of 2024-25	147.10	1,47,100.00					
	ACE, EC-I MBD 01 of 2024-25	209.80	2,09,800.00					

Other terms and conditions can be seen from the Govt. website www.tendersodisha.gov.in
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OIPR- 32370/11/0013/2425 **Sd/- Additional Chief Engineer, Eastern Circle-I, Cuttack**

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TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal Mode Only)

No.: CEE/TZ/Mys/SE(O)/AEE-3/Shift/24-25/ 8104 **Date: 16.01.2025**

KPTCL invites bids against below mentioned bid enquiry numbers for providing manpower services on outsource basis for the following works coming under jurisdiction of Transmission Zone, KPTCL, Mysuru.

1. Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/TZM/SEE(O)/AEE-3/shift/HTGLY/2024-25/501-538** for providing services for carrying out shift duties and operations at various **38 Nos.** of sub-stations pertaining to TL&SS Division Hootagalli KPTCL, Mysuru.

2. Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/TZM/SEE(O)/AEE-3/shift/MYS-HEB/2024-25/539-562** for providing services for carrying out shift duties and operations at various **24 Nos.** of sub-stations pertaining to TL&SS Division Mysuru and Hebbani KPTCL, Mysore.

3. Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/TZM/SEE(O)/AEE-3/shift/CR Nagara/2024-25/563-580** for providing services for carrying out shift duties and operations at various **18 Nos.** of sub-stations pertaining to TL&SS Division CR Nagara KPTCL, Mysuru.

4. Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/CEE/TZM/SEE(O)/AEE-3/shift/Bhogadi/2024-25/480/CALL-2** for providing services for carrying out shift duties and operations at 66/11kV **Bhogadi** sub-station pertaining to TL&SS Division Mysuru (NRM) KPTCL, Mysuru.

5. Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/CEE/TZM/SEE(O)/AEE-3/shift/Bookankere/2024-25/482/CALL-2** for providing services for carrying out shift duties and operations at 66/11kV **Bookankere** sub-station pertaining to TL&SS Division Mysuru (NRM) KPTCL, Mysuru.

The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **'E Procurement KPTCL'** or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **24.01.2025**. Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, Electy.,
Transmission Zone, KPTCL, 'Prasarana Bhavana',
FTS Compound, N.R.Mohalla, Mysuru - 570 007.

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DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited (PCHFL) under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to PCHFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to PCHFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount with NPA date	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
(LC No. 15400000925 of Kolar Branch) Raghunath Kesavan (Borrower) Naga Sandya Chakrapani Kandaswamy (Co Borrower 1) Kesavan Krishnaswamy (Co Borrower 2)	20-12-2024 / ₹783446/- (₹ Seven lakh Eighty Three Thousand Four Hundred Forty Six Only) NPA (09-12-2024)	Site No 4 And 5 Mango Meadows Sy No 27/3 Haradi Village Jangamakote Hobli, Chikkabalapur Dist, Bangalore Kolar Karnataka :- 561207
(LC No. 21500041948 of Bengaluru - Jayanagar Branch) Srinivasa Rao Golla (Borrower) Sumana Golla (Co Borrower 1)	20-12-2024 / ₹ 5734398 /- (₹ Fifty Seven lakh Thirty Four Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Eight Only) NPA (09-12-2024)	Site No 113 Sy No 68/2, J R Green Park Marasur Village Kasabha Hobli Anekal Taluk Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 562106
(LC No. 21400042986 of Bengaluru - Jayanagar Branch) Kumar M B (Borrower) Kavitha S (Co Borrower 1)	20-12-2024 /₹ 4852513 /-(₹ Forty Eight lakh Fifty Two Thousand Five Hundred Thirteen Only) NPA (09-08-2024)	Municipal No-1, Katha No-348/1, S/no-643 Hosapalya Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560068
(LC No. 21400043024 of Bengaluru - Jayanagar Branch) Kumar M B (Borrower) Kavitha S (Co Borrower 1)	20-12-2024 / ₹1251677/- (₹ Twelve lakh Fifty One Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Seven Only) NPA (09-08-2024)	Municipal No-1, Katha No-348/1, S/no-643 Hosapalya Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560068
(LC No. 24800000011 of Bengaluru - Jayanagar Branch) Athersha Warisiya (Borrower) Syed Mansoor (Co Borrower 1)	20-12-2024 / ₹198986/- (₹ One lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Six Only) NPA (10-05-2024)	Flat No. F201, 1st Floor, West Block, Meenakshi Lake Veiw Enclave, 5th Main, Doddamma Temple, Ibbaluru, Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560010
(LC No. HLSA00085F69 of Bangalore Branch Branch) Mohammed Ashraf K P (Borrower) Sunira P T (Co Borrower 1)	20-12-2024 / ₹4529462.4/- (₹ Forty Five lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Two Only and Forty Paise) NPA (04-12-2024)	Site Bearing No.26, Sy No.115, Arnav RGR Residency, Maragondanahalli Village, Near The Pearl Residency, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk Bangalore Karnataka - 560100
(LC No. HLSA00085F69TU of Bangalore Branch Branch) Mohammed Ashraf K P (Borrower) Sunira P T (Co Borrower 1)	20-12-2024 / ₹3313419.2/- (₹ Thirty Three lakh Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred Nineteen Only and Twenty Paise) NPA (04-12-2024)	Site Bearing No.26, Sy No.115, Arnav RGR Residency, Maragondanahalli Village, Near The Pearl Residency, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk Bangalore Karnataka - 560100
(LC No. M0170300 of Bengaluru - Jayanagar Branch) Gopinath Jayaram (Borrower) Shalini (Co Borrower 1)	20-12-2024 / ₹1969904/- (₹ Nineteen lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Four Only) NPA (04-12-2024)	Flat No.G-2, Ground Floor, Ramya Tulip Apartment, Near by Mahesh PU College, Chikkabettahalli A.M.S. Layout, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore Karnataka - 560097
(LC No. M0170300TU of Bengaluru - Jayanagar Branch) Gopinath Jayaram (Borrower) Shalini (Co Borrower 1)	20-12-2024 / ₹2219361 /-(₹ Twenty Two lakh Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred Sixty One Only) NPA (04-12-2024)	Flat No.G-2, Ground Floor, Ramya Tulip Apartment, Near by Mahesh PU College, Chikkabettahalli A.M.S. Layout, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore Karnataka - 560097
(LC No. HLSA00075EC4 of Bengaluru - Kengeri Branch) Jayaprakash Kannan (Borrower) RENUKAMMA (Co Borrower 1)	20-12-2024 / ₹ 1176516.1/-(₹ Eleven lakh Seventy Six Thousand Five Hundred Sixteen Only and Ten Paise) NPA (04-12-2024)	Vacant site No 41, V P Katha no 457, Syrvey no 27/1, sai ram orchids layout, Kukubarahalkii village, jagankothe hobli, shidlaghatta taluk chikkalabapura, Karnataka 562102
(LC No. HLSA00061996 of Bengaluru - Kengeri Branch) Poonam Choudhary (Borrower) MANGILAL CHOUDHARY (Co Borrower 1)	20-12-2024 / ₹3286394.34/- (₹ Thirty Two lakh Eighty Six Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Four Only and Thirty Four Paise) NPA (04-12-2024)	Southern portion of vacant site bearing 767, Old site 379, Survey No 40 41 42, 8th cross Housur Road, Channakeshvara nagara Near sobha silicon Oasis apt, Bangalore karnataka 560068
(LC No. BLSA0000E2D2 of Hosur Branch) Murugesan N (Borrower) NEELAVATHI MURUGESH (Co Borrower 1)	20-12-2024 / ₹ 775451.44/- (₹ Seven lakh Seventy Five Thousand Four Hundred Fifty One Only and Forty Four Paise) NPA (04-12-2024)	S.No.167/1, New.S.No.167/1A1A1, Plot. No.425, krishnagiri Near Bharath petrol pump krishnagiri Karnataka 635107
(LC No. BLSA00003F79 of Bangalore Branch Branch) Mohamad Iliyaz (Borrower) Nazima Begum (Co Borrower 1)	20-12-2024 / ₹ 2677059.32/- (₹ Twenty Six lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Fifty Nine Only and Thirty Two Paise) NPA (04-12-2024)	Site No.47, Khatha No.24/4, 24/5, Property No.24/4, 24/5/47, Ward No.190, Yellukunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluka, Bangalore-560085.
(LC No. P0008464 of Bangalore Branch Branch) Sheela Prasad N L (Borrower) Lakshmamma M. R. (Co Borrower 1)	20-12-2024 /₹ 3201649 /-(₹ Thirty Two lakh One Thousand Six Hundred Forty Nine Only) NPA (04-12-2024)	No.21, 2nd Cross, Mallasandra Village, Near Kuvempu First Grade Laurel Heights, Kuvempu College, Bangalore-560057.

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to PCHFL as aforesaid, PCHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of PCHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date : 20.01.2025 **Sd/- (Authorised Officer)**
Place : Bangalore, Karnataka **Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited**

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office: No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612001. **E-Mail id:** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Phone:** 0435-2432322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.1,89,78,388/- (Rupees One Crore Eighty Nine Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty Eight only)** as on **12-01-2025** together with further interest to be charged from **13-01-2025** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. H M S Silk Industries, No.52, Melekote, Rehmaniya Nagar, Kanakapura - 562117. Also at, M/s. H M S Silk Industries, Sy. No. 221, Aralasandra Village, Kanakapura, Ramanagara - 562117. No.2) Mr. Majeed Shariff, S/o. Mohammed Shariff, Ward No. 12, Melekote, Near Urdu School, Kanakapura - 562117. No.3) Mrs. Majira Banu, W/o. Majeed Shariff, Ward No.12, Melekote, Near Urdu School, Kanakapura - 562117 No.4) M/s. MMS Silk Industry, No.236, Hannur Belathuru Village, Kollegala, Ramanagara, Karnataka - 571440.**

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank

Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Mrs. Majira Banu, W/o. Majeed Shariff)

All that piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing Municipal Katha No. 8678/7383/A, PID No. 36-532-551, Measuring : East to West 15.240030 Meters and North to South 18.288037, situated at Ward No. 13, A. K. Colony, Melekote, Kanakapura Town, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District. Bounded on : East by : Road, West by : House of Puttaswami, North by : Road , South by : House of Chikkavenkataiah.

Reserve Price : Rs.78,00,000/-
(Rupees Seventy Eight Lakh only)

Schedule - B : (Property Owned by Mr. Majeed Shariff, S/o. Mohammed Shariff)

All that piece and parcel of the RCC Ground Floor, Commercial-cum-Residential Property bearing Old Municipal Khatha No. 5471/3667A Measuring : East to West 50 feet and North to South 54 feet together with 2700.00 sq. ft. situated at Rehmaniya Nagar, Melekote, Ward No. 12, Kanakapura. Bounded on : East by : Municipal Road, West by : House of Fayaz, North by : House of Fazil, South by : Municipal Road.

Reserve Price : Rs.76,00,000/-
(Rupees Seventy Six Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
05-02-2025	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch,** B.M.Road, 316, I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bengaluru-Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural - 571511. Telephone No.080-27276688, Cell No.9379511195.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch, B.M.Road, 316, I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bengaluru - Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural - 571511. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-27276688, Cell No.9379511195. (5)** The property/ ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the Sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 17-01-2025 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.**0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

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AXELSEN, AN SE-YOUNG CRUISE TO EASY TITLE WINS AT INDIA OPEN

Double Olympic gold medallist Viktor Axelsen secures third India Open title as Olympic & world champion An dominated right from word go

GREAT DANE ERASES MALAYSIA HEARTBREAK

Viktor Axelsen erased the disappointment of falling in the opening round of Malaysian Open super 1000 last week to the same opponent. For An, it was an effortless 21-12 21-9 win over P Chochuwong. Malaysian duo of Goh Sze Fei and Nur Izzuddin, who ended India's Satwiksairaj Rankireddy & Chirag Shetty's run in semis pocketed the doubles title

DOUBLES DELIGHT FOR JAPANESE, CHINESE PAIRS

- In the women's doubles final, Japan's Arisa Igarashi and Ayako Sakuramoto beat Kim Hye Jeong and Kong Hee-Yong of South Korea 21-15, 21-13
- In mixed, China's Jiang Zhen Bang and Wei Ya Xin prevailed 21-18 21-17 over Thom Gicquel and Delphine Delrue | P15

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AXELSEN WINS INDIA OPEN FOR RECORD THIRD TIME

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MAJOR FIRE AT KUMBH MELA

NO CASUALTIES REPORTED

- A major fire broke out at the Kumbh Mela site in Prayagraj on Sunday after a suspected leak from an LPG cylinder caused an explosion
- The fire is believed to have started at Geeta Press tent in Sector 19 around 4 pm
- The blaze quickly spread and engulfed around 40 tents
- 15 fire tenders were pressed into action and the blaze was brought under control within an hour | P10

Peace dawns on Gaza after 15 months of war

Hamas releases three hostages; hardliner quits Netanyahu's govt

AGENCIES

THE much-awaited ceasefire in the Gaza Strip took effect on Sunday following an almost three-hour delay after Hamas was late to name the three hostages it plans to release first.

The truce, which started at 11.15 am local time (2.15pm IST), is the first step toward ending the conflict between Israel and Hamas, and returning the hostages abducted in Hamas' October 7, 2023 attack.

An Israeli official confirmed that Romi Gonen, 24, Emily Damari, 28, and Doron Steinbrecher, 31, were released by Hamas in the evening. Gonen was abducted from the Nova music festival, while the other two were kidnapped from Kibbutz Kfar Aza. Damari is an Israeli-British dual citizen.

Hamas was supposed to provide the three names before the start of the ceasefire. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the militants had not lived up to their commitment. Hamas blamed the delay in handing over the names on "technical field reasons," and said it is committed to the ceasefire agreement announced last week.

Displaced Palestinians walk through the destruction caused by Israeli offensive in Rafah, as a ceasefire deal between Israel and Hamas went into effect Sunday | AFP

In the interim between 8.30 am and when the ceasefire took hold on Sunday, Israeli fire killed at least 26 people, according to Gaza's health ministry.

Israel's hardline national security minister Itamar Ben-Gvir, meanwhile, said his Otzma Yehudit party was quitting the government in protest over the ceasefire agreement. Ben-Gvir's departure weakens Netanyahu's coalition but will not affect the truce.

The ceasefire deal was announced last week after a year of intensive mediation by the United States, Qatar, and Egypt. The 42-day first phase of the ceasefire should see a total of 33 hostages return from Gaza and the remaining Palestinian prisoners and detainees released. Negotiations on the far more difficult second phase of this ceasefire should begin in just over two weeks. P11

EXPRESS READ

121 farmers end hunger strike at Khanauri border

Chandigarh: A group of 121 farmers who were on a hunger strike at the Khanauri border in support of their leader, Jagjit Singh Dallewal, ended their indefinite protest on Sunday after he received medical assistance | P10

Mysterious illness toll rises to 17, Centre's team reaches Rajouri

Rajouri: A high-level inter-ministerial team formed by Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday visited J&K's Rajouri district where a mysterious illness is wreaking havoc, killing another person in Budhal village and taking the death toll to 17 | P10

Beware of free mobile gift! Man loses ₹2.8 crore to fraudsters

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AFTER the 'dubious parcel at Customs' scam and 'digital arrest' scare, cyber fraudsters have come up a new trick to reach your money: a gift of a free mobile or tablet which gladdens the receiver. This one is delivered to the doorstep from unknown people, claiming they are from banks.

Beware, it's only a Trojan horse from cyber fraudsters. The mobile is likely be cloned, and once the receiver inserts a SIM card, all banking details and OTPs are shared with the con gang. One such case was registered with Whitefield CEN police station, of a techie losing Rs 2.8 crore.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Whitefield) Shivakumar Gunare said this new type of cyber scam was recently reported in the city, after a fraudster posing as a private bank representative sent a mobile phone as a gift to the software engineer. CONTINUED ON P7

Suspected Bangladeshi national held in Saif Ali Khan attack case

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

MUMBAI police on Sunday arrested Shariful Islam Shehzad, a suspected Bangladeshi national, in connection with the attack on actor Saif Ali Khan. He was produced before a local court, which remanded him in police custody for five days.

Shehzad, 30, was arrested from Thane's Labour Camp area, where he used to work as a housekeeper in a bar.

"Prima-facie, the accused is a Bangladeshi and he changed his name to Vijay Das after entering India illegally. He came to Mumbai some 5-6 months ago. The accused used to work in a housekeeping agency," said Dixit Gedam, deputy commissioner of police, Zone 9.

While seeking 14 days police custody in court, the prosecution said the police was looking to probe if there was an "international conspiracy" behind the attack. It submitted 15 reasons for seeking 14 days custody, including how the accused entered India and who helped him. However, the court gave only five days custody.

However, defence lawyer Sandeep Sherkhane said the police made the arrest without proper investigation and that his client was residing in India for several years with family. "First of all, Saif Ali Khan has never made any statement or does not have any grievance with anyone that would create a threat for him from Bangladesh or any other country. He does not have any international cases. They (police) changed the angle of the case just because the accused is Bangladeshi," he said.

Dinesh Prajapati, another defence advocate, said the police did not produce any document to prove the accused is a Bangladeshi national.

Meanwhile, Chhattisgarh police said a suspect who was detained at Durg railway station on Saturday was released on Sunday morning.

Shariful Islam Shehzad

Bangladesh connection

Police say Shariful Islam Shehzad Mohammad Rohilla from Bangladesh entered India illegally. He also changed his name to Vijay Das. He used to work for a housekeeping agency but became unemployed recently

PROTESTS AND CELEBRATIONS IN WASHINGTON

Ahead of Donald Trump's inauguration on Monday, thousands took to the streets in Washington to rally against his policies | P11

ELEVATED CORRIDORS, UNDERPASSES ON CARDS TO DECONGEST CITY

MOHAMMED YACOOB @ Bengaluru

WHILE the 46-km Tunnel Road project has drawn flak from experts, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has proposed over a dozen projects, such as elevated corridors, double-deckers and underpasses, costing a whopping Rs 15,000 crore. The proposed projects cover 124.7km and the civic authority, in its Comprehensive Traffic Management Plan, states that they will decongest city roads.

A senior BBMP engineer from the projects division said that according to the feasibility report prepared by New Delhi-based Altinok Consulting Engineering Inc., there are 11 elevated projects and among them, five alone cost around Rs 10,000 crore. "Yeshwanthpur (Mathikere cross)-IISc-Mehkri Circle-Jayamahal-St John's Church Road-Ulsoor Lake-Old Madras Road-KR Puram elevated corridor covers 27km; the Nagawara Junction-Ramakrishna Hegde Nagar Junction-Sampigehalli-Thirumenahalli-Bellahalli Junction-Bagalur main road elevated corridor covers 15km; an additional link road to KIA is an elevated corridor from ORR-Hennur Main Road Junction to Bagalur Jn; a 15-km elevated corridor from Marenahalli Main Road-Ragigudda-7th Main Jn-Kanakapura Main Road till Thalaghattapura NICE Road via Pipeline road, and a 10.5-km elevated corridor from Swami Vivekananda Metro Station to Silk Board Junction on Hosur Road, via Indiranagar-Domlur-Madiwala, have been proposed. The five long-distance elevated corridors alone would cost Rs 9,400 crore," said the engineer. P5

IN HONNAVAR

Pregnant cow killed, meat taken away

SUBHASH CHANDRA NS @ Salkod (Uttara Kannada district)

CLOSE on the heels of slashing of udders of three cows in Bengaluru, another incident of animal cruelty has been reported from Honnavar taluk of Uttara Kannada district.

Miscreants have allegedly mutilated a pregnant cow and allegedly taken away its meat for consumption in Salkod village of Honnavar taluk.

According to a complaint registered with the Honnavar police, the cow belonged to Krishna Achari of Salkod. The cow was grazing in the fields on Saturday and did not return in the evening. On Sunday morning, when Achari went in search of the cow, he found its remains. To his horror, the unborn calf, too, was removed from the mother cow.

According to local residents, cases of cattle lifting have been on the rise in Honnavar taluk. Initially, it was believed that a leopard was killing the cattle. "But Sunday's incident has confirmed that cows are being stolen for meat," said a resident, who sought police protection for their cattle.

Meanwhile, Kumta-Honnavar MLA Dinakar Shetty visited Salkod. CONTINUED ON P5

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IISc researchers unhappy with Tom-Tom index

Index is an annual report prepared after analysing traffic data, covering 500 cities

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE researchers from IISc, Bengaluru, are unhappy with the method in which the Netherlands-based Tom-Tom index study is done on the traffic congestion in Indian cities, especially Bengaluru.

In the report - Research in Transportation Business and Management Examining the Tom-Tom Traffic Congestion Index – Is it worth the hype or making cities more car-dependent and unsustainable? - the experts said it is following European standards in calculation and not what common Indians use. They said the index has limitations in characterising the collected data due to heavy reliance on GPS-equipped vehicles and lacks the differentiation between road infrastructure characteristics. It also focuses on travel time data as the primary indicator overlooking other factors influencing traffic congestion. The Index, is an annual report prepared after analysing traffic data of the year, covering over 500 cities from 62 countries.

Ashish Verma, Professor, Transportation Systems Engineering, Convenor, IISc Sustainable Transportation Lab, said though Index has gained the status as a valuable resource for understanding and addressing traffic congestion in cities worldwide, it is not giving the real picture of Bengaluru's roads - the traffic congestion and the reasons for it. The report stated the Tom-Tom Index lacked the depth to characterize the collected information. "Heavy reliance on GPS-equipped vehicles has severely handicapped the data and its inability to distinguish between road infrastructure characteristics makes it unreliable. While the average travel time is a suitable indicator of traffic conditions, it is not the only criterion for evaluating traffic congestion," he said.

The index neglects some major factors, such as variations in travel time across modes, seasonal variations, urban land use mix and transport infrastructure that influence the overall transportation system, researchers noted. "The primary basis for traffic ranking of cities predominantly relies on estimated congestion levels derived from travel time data. However, this approach can overlook the broader impact of various factors, such as accessibility, quality and extent of transportation services," Verma in the report said.

BDA demolition: 'Encroachers' went by owner's word, suffer losses

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

UNLIKE the usual belligerence of illegal encroachers, there was tears and stunned disbelief by hundreds of people when the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) went ahead with its recent three-day demolition drive to acquire its property in Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout. Those squatting on the properties were duped by the original owner of the land, who convinced them that they were there legally and no harm would come to their establishments, revealed multiple BDA officials who were present during the demolition.

In the three-day drive, from January 16 to 18, BDA demolished 50 granite factories, 200 sheds including 'labour sheds', bakeries and various shops dotting the 1-km stretch on the Main Arterial Road (MAR) in Machohalli area of the layout. These encroachments go back eight to 10 years. Costly equipment to cut granite slabs and granite sheets were among the items demolished.

Though the factory and shop owners were given a seven-day notice prior to the demolition after the high court gave the BDA the nod to go

ahead with land acquisition, the occupants and their owners continued business as usual, believing they would not be removed.

A senior BDA official part of many such drives, told TNIE, "It was a terrible human tragedy unfolding during the last three days with many factory owners in tears watching their investment in the building and equipment crushed with bulldozers. They were completely misled by Puttaraju, owner of an entire stretch extending to 16 acres on which these constructions had come up. The final notification to acquire the land was issued by BDA in 2015. The landlord later approached the court and got a stay." However, he had been renting out parcels of land on the property to individuals and charging them commercial rent.

Another official said, "He was earning a monthly rent of more than Rs 1.5 crore from establishments here for nearly ten years. Some bigger granite factories had up to 50 people with accommodation facilities too (labour sheds). Shop owners had invested lakhs in their businesses believing that he is the indisputable owner of the land and they could run their businesses safely. He had even signed rental agreements with them and taken huge advance," he explained. BDA had sent many reminders to the owners of these factories and other smaller shops to vacate MAR Road, saying it was illegal to stay there. "Puttaraju managed to regularly convince everyone that nobody would touch them and the court was on his side too," he added.

Meanwhile Puttaraju told *TNIE*, "I was not aware of the recent notice issued by the BDA. No one told me about it. At the time of renting out

my property itself, I told every owner that it was a property marked for acquisition and was in dispute. I made it clear that they were taking a risk by renting it out." BDA has presently completed 8 km out of the 10.3-km MAR Road which connects Mysuru Road and Magadi Road via the centre of the layout.

175 FLATS SOLD IN BDA 'FLAT MELA'

The second `Flat Mela' organised by the BDA near its Kanminike housing project on Saturday received a good response from the public with 175 flats booked on the spot. An official release said, "More than 500 people visited the mela and they totally bought 175 flats. Of them, 75 people paid the initial deposit (12.5%) for their flat on the spot.

PITTER PATTER

With Chennai receiving rain, Bengalureans too witnessed light showers on Sunday, with traffic on NICE Road reducing to a trickle on Sunday afternoon | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

EXPRESS READ

BMTC introduces buses on 4 new routes

Bengaluru: BMTC has announced four new bus routes. Route number 410-FB will operate from Yesvantpur TTMC (Traffic Transit Management Centre) and BEML 5th Stage, covering Goraguntepalya, Summanahalli, Malagala, Nagarabhavi Circle, Nayandanahalli, Rajarajeshwari Temple, and BEML Complex. Route number G-6B will operate from Shanthinagar TTMC and BEML 5th Stage, covering Poornima Talkies, KR Market, Mysuru Road Satellite Bus Stand, Nayandanahalli, Rajarajeshwari Temple, and BEML Complex. Route number 230-C will run from Kempegowda Bus Station and Kommaghatta BDA Apartment, . Route number 221-A will be operating from Mysuru Road Satellite Bus Stand. The buses on these routes will be non-AC and will begin operations on January 20.

BIS hosts Manak Carnival at PU college

Bengaluru: The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Bengaluru Branch hosted Manak Carnival at the Government PU College Dasarahalli, gathering around 350 Standards Club members from six schools and PU colleges. This event aimed to promote awareness of quality standards and foster creativity. The institutions included NMH Global School, Government PU College Peenya, Kendriya Vidyalaya Yeshwanthpur, PM Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya ASC Centre and PM Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya CRPF Yelahanka. The carnival featured a series of activities, including kite decoration with the theme 'Flying High with Standards', a two-minute talk on BIS Quality and Standards and a quiz.

4th 3X3 National Basketball championship

Bengaluru: The 4th 3x3 National Basketball Championship organised by Basketball Federation of India and Karnataka State Basketball Association came to a close on Sunday with the team from Tamil Nadu clinching the men's title and the team from Kerala winning the women's title. The men's final championship saw Tamil Nadu beating Uttar Pradesh 21 points to 16 points in the allotted 10 minutes. Kerala women drubbed Tamil Nadu in the final match, reaching 16 points well within the stipulated time of 10 minutes. The women's third place saw Telangana taking the honours beating Madhya Pradesh 21 points to 11 points. Speaking at the valedictory, Dr K Govindaraj, President FIBA Asia and Karnataka Olympic Association and Political Secretary to Karnataka CM, said, "We will have many more national tournaments in Bengaluru in the coming months and years".

PIC: NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Proceeds from art sale to fund training

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

TO showcase the vibrant talent of Karnataka's artists, an art exhibition is being held by Karnataka Lalithakala Academy at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath until January 21. Featuring 600 unique paintings created by 300 artists during workshops and art camps across the state, the exhibition celebrates the diverse culture and art of Karnataka.

The exhibition's goal is to make art accessible to everyone, with all paintings priced starting Rs 3,000, so that anyone can bring home a piece of artwork. Proceeds from the sales will go toward supporting the training of fine arts students, ensuring that the state continues to foster new generations of artists.

"Art should speak to every heart, not just a privileged few," PS Kumar, Chairman of Karnataka Lalithakala Academy, said. This philosophy should follow every artwork and guide this exhibition too, offering high-quality selected artworks at prices that make art accessible to people from all walks of life. The paintings, made by artists during their workshops conducted by Karnataka Lalithakala Academy, showcase a variety of styles and mediums, from vibrant oil paintings to intricate watercolours. Each artwork captures the essence of Karnataka's landscapes, culture, apart from contemporary themes, offering different stories that will inspire any space. For years, art has been confined to elite galleries, leaving many disconnected from its beauty.

This exhibition, featuring artworks across seven galleries of Chitrakala Parishath, seeks to change that by breaking down barriers and making art a shared treasure, Kumar said.

Art lovers keenly observe paintings on display at an exhibition at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath in Bengaluru on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Need law against caste discrimination: Activists

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A public convention under the banner of 'People's Movement for Rohith Act' was held at St Joseph's College of Law on Sunday. The event brought together students and activists to demand a national law to address caste discrimination in higher educational institutions and prevent tragedies like the death of Rohith Vemula.

Rohith Vemula, a Dalit PhD scholar from Hyderabad Central University, died by suicide in 2016 allegedly after facing severe caste-based discrimination and institutional harassment. His death sparked nationwide protests and highlighted the deep-rooted biases faced by Dalit and Adivasi students in higher education.

The proposed 'Rohith Act' aims to address these issues, and ensure equitable access to education for marginalised communities.

'Centre indifferent'

Radhika Vemula, Rohith's mother and an anti-caste activist, was the keynote speaker at the convention. Recalling her son as a sharp young man, she said, "Dalit students are institutionally discriminated against at every step of their education. I do not want any other mother to go through the pain I have endured. This fight is not just for justice, but to build anti-caste consciousness." She also expressed solidarity with Professor Gopal Das of IIM Bangalore, who is currently fighting caste discrimination at his institute.

Mavalli Shankar, leader of Dalit Sangharsha Samiti (Ambedkar Vaada), criticised the Union Government, stating that it remains indifferent to struggles for basic rights.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

20TH January: We're still in an intriguing Lunar phase, which points to the chance of a bright new start. The details of how, where and when, though, are up to each one of us, depending on our own individual circumstances. Every choice we make opens up a different future! It's also the perfect moment for a spot of forward planning in the personal arena.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Everything is now looking extremely favourable, largely because three planets in a wonderful alignment to your sign are about to be joined by a fourth - and later by a fifth. It is essential that you maximise your advantage by maintaining an optimistic attitude.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
You'll have a chance to show yourself at your best within a few days. For now, though, you must prepare the ground by taking care of those boring but necessary duties like trudging around the shops - or dealing with partners who think that you're their personal unpaid servant.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
A number of odd and slightly tense events are on the way, if not today then certainly by tomorrow. The general mood will improve if you make an effort to put yourself in somebody else's shoes. See the world as they see it; you might be pleasantly surprised - and intrigued.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
An interesting point known as the Moon's south node has now turned its gaze in your direction. This may incline you to repeat past mistakes over the next few months. If, however, you learn certain fundamental lessons, your trials will not be in vain.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Help is on hand. Those intense celestial aspects which have been disturbing you recently are no longer causing trouble. Their only legacy may be a number of regrets, a little bad feeling and, for some, a broken heart. Please now realise that your stars are taking a dramatic turn for the better.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You can now afford to stop thinking quite so hard. Pressure in parts of your chart connected to communication, should make the options and alternatives that much simpler. If you can possibly look afresh at old and tired emotional complications, please do so.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Matters close to home are quite complicated, but then there's nothing new in that, is there? The advantage over the next week or so is that you can afford to talk about your fears and share your hopes with people who, for once, will listen. The very fact that they are prepared to examine your plans anew is encouraging.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You're flexing your emotional muscles, life is getting better and you should be able to relax, be happy and let the world flow by. The only problem, which may be insurmountable, is your famous inability to forgive and forget. Don't let regrets or resentment stand in your way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
A perfect aspect to Jupiter, perhaps the single most important planet in your horoscope, should set you up for a splendid time, perhaps lasting a couple of weeks. If anything goes wrong, it will be your fault. That's good, because it means that the remedy also lies in your hands.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
You might lower your sights today. It's not often I offer such advice, but the point is that if your standards are artificially high, you'll limit your horizons and miss out on opportunities, even minor ones, for family contentment and job satisfaction.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Friends may be too rushed even to say 'good-morning', but don't take it to heart. If people are indeed too speedy for you, it's probably nothing more than the planets' way of keeping you on your toes. Actually, it's a perfect moment for stopping the clock and signing settled agreements.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Professional life is posing awkward questions, and public responsibilities raise intriguing possibilities. Some of you may be woken up from a daydream to find you've lost touch with reality. Events will move fast, and you may have to think on your feet.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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SUDOKU EASY

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

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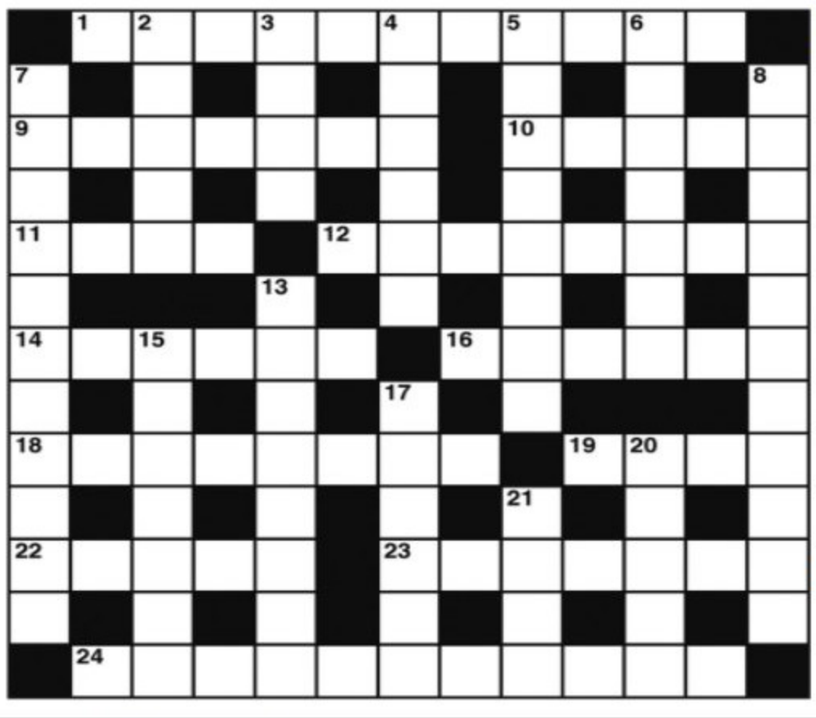

CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Worsening annoyance (11)
9 Peak time before the break (7)
10 Drop a catch in the close (5)
11 Service tax (4)
12 He struggles to make a living (8)
14 He refuses to eat more quickly (6)
16 Vessel to put to sea (6)
18 Pretty girl in red and rose (8)
19 In a taxicab lead-free petrol is efficient (4)
22 Order of letters in the dictionary (5)
23 Like news maybe from the Capitol? (7)
24 It's kept on hand after the match (7,4)

DOWN

2 Very good at describing Alexander (5)
3 Feels uneasy in Paris streets (4)
4 Parties appeal to them (6)
5 Mother's beset by excited Latins showing charm (8)
6 Bird ran off with loot wantonly (7)
7 On the verge of retirement? (5,3,3)
8 They ring for service (6,5)
13 Made to look small; indeed lifeless (8)
15 It's heavenly under a tree (7)
17 His work entails grave consideration (6)
20 Philosopher saved in a dangerous situation (5)
21 Practise boxing in the yard (4)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Captor, 4 Two ticks, 9 Sanity, 10 Lacerate, 12 Axle, 13 Try-on, 14 Star, 17 Apprehensive, 20 Pair of gloves, 23 Rear, 24 Amman, 25 Area, 28 Examinee, 29 Medals, 30 Diamante, 31 Tocsin.

Down: 1 Castaway, 2 Penelope, 3 Oath, 5 Weapons of war, 6 Tier, 7 Charts, 8 Shears, 11 Free from debt, 15 Kebab, 16 Evils, 18 Overlaps, 19 Assassin, 21 Friend, 22 Banana, 26 Riga, 27 Veto.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

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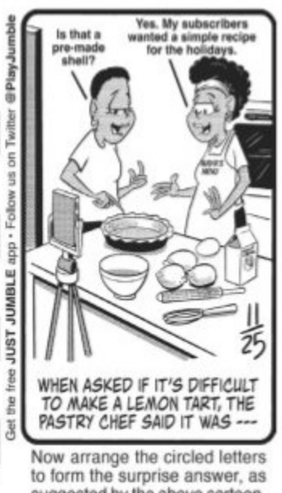
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(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: KNELT MONTH FINISH DEFECT
Answer: Santa finished his rounds each year in — THE NICK OF TIME

An autorickshaw driver was arrested for allegedly attacking his wife and mother-in-law with a machete on Tuesday. The accused identified as Asif went to his mother-in-law Parveen Taj's house near Sarbandepalya and attacked his wife Heena with a machete. She suffered severe injuries on the head and hands. The couple, who have two children, had been separated for eight months. Meanwhile, Asif also had an affair with another woman

Mother-son duo forces minor into marriage, held

Son marries her to settle Rs 50k loan; Girl abducted in Sept 2024, taken to Athani

TUSHAR A MAJUKAR @ Belagavi

TILAKWADI police in Belagavi arrested a man and his mother for allegedly coercing a minor girl into marriage to settle a Rs 50,000 loan. Two other family members implicated in the case remain at large.

The accused, Vishal Pundalik Dhawali (22) and his mother Rekha Pundalik Dhawali – residents of Mangai Nagar, Vadgaon, were taken into custody after the 17-year-old victim filed a complaint. The FIR also names Vishal's father and brother. The victim, originally from Saundatti taluk, had relocated to Belagavi with her mother after the death of her father. The duo had been living with relatives who were facing financial difficulties. To assist them, the victim's mother borrowed Rs 50,000 from Rekha, pledging her gold earrings as collateral.

When the mother was unable to repay the loan within the agreed time frame, Rekha allegedly started putting pressure on her to marry off her daughter to Vishal. Despite repeated assurances that she would repay the loan, Rekha and Vishal continued to put pressure on her. On September 17, 2024, they allegedly kidnapped the girl from Vadgaon and took her to Athani the next day. There, she was forcibly married to Vishal at a temple.

The incident remained undisclosed for several months until the victim mustered courage to approach the police on January 17, 2025. Acting swiftly, Police Inspector Parashuram Pujeri arrested Vishal and Rekha, while efforts are on to apprehend the others. The police revealed that the victim's mother, who works as a security guard at a construction site, had taken the loan three months before the kidnapping.

BMTC bus crashes into beeda stall after brakes fail

Bengaluru: A Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) electric bus crashed into a roadside stall and a compound wall of a dhaba on Nagadevanahalli Road after its brakes failed on Sunday morning. Three passengers sustained minor injuries in the incident, and the bus was seized. Sources said the incident occurred at 6:25 am when the bus, belonging to the Bidadi depot, was travelling from Shirke Circle to Nagarbhavi. The speeding BMTC bus lost control due to a brake failure, crashing into the roadside beeda stall and hitting the wall of the dhaba in Nagadevanahalli. Based on a complaint by the dhaba owner, a case was registered against the bus driver for property damage and rash, negligent driving at Jnanabharathi traffic police station.

GRACEFUL MOVES

Young dancers strike a pose during a photoshoot at a cultural event held at the Nayana Auditorium in Bengaluru on Sunday | EXPRESS

Maneka intervenes after man kills dog

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Shivamogga

SHIVAMOGGA police arrested a man after a viral video showed a street dog being brutally killed in Kenchanala village of Ripponpete, Hosanagara taluk on January 16. The incident came to light after former MP and animal rights activist Maneka Gandhi was informed of the act and intervened.

According to the complaint filed by Santosh Kumar, Senior Veterinary Officer at Ripponpete Veterinary Hospital, the accused identified as Wazid, allegedly killed the dog by hurling a large stone at its head. After ensuring the dog was dead, Wazid disposed of the body.

A local resident recorded the gruesome act and shared the footage with Maneka Gandhi and the Animal Welfare Board on January 17.

Following this, Gandhi wrote to the Senior Veterinary Officer and SP GK Mithun Kumar, urging them to register a case and take strict action against the accused. She also spoke directly with Ripponpete Police Sub-Inspector and the SP, prompting immediate action. The Ripponpete police registered a case based on the complaint and the video evidence.

Police sources revealed that Wazid allegedly killed the dog out of frustration, claiming it had been attacking his livestock and hens. An FIR has been registered against the accused and further investigation is on.

MLA Shetty hits out at CM, Parameshwara

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MEANWHILE, Kumta-Honnavar MLA Dinakar Shetty visited Salkod lashed out at Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara for repeated attacks on cows.

"It is because of the casual attitude and cowardice of Siddaramaiah and Paraneshwara that such incidents are happening," he said.

"Immediately after the Bengaluru incident, minister Zameer Ahmed Khan went to the spot and compensated the owner... but it is not about money... it is about faith," he added. Meanwhile, residents who gathered at the spot in large numbers said they are scared to send their cattle for grazing.

THREE POSE AS ED OFFICIALS, EXTORT ₹11 CR FROM TECHIE

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THE Northeast CEN Police arrested three individuals for extorting Rs 11 crore from a software engineer by impersonating as Customs and Enforcement Directorate (ED) officers. The accused have been identified as Karan, Tarun Nathani, and Dhaval Shah.

According to police sources, when the accused learned that the victim had recently received Rs 12 crore, they began contacting him from different numbers, introducing themselves as ED and Customs officials. They alleged that there were illegal financial transactions in his account and demanded his KYC documents under the pretense of conducting an investigation. The trio threatened the victim with money laundering charges and pressured him to transfer money to avoid legal action. Believing their claims, the software engineer transferred money to nine different accounts over a month. During this period, he was harassed and coerced. Realising he had fallen victim to a scam, he eventually filed a complaint with the police.

Further, when the police analysed bank transactions, they found that Rs 7.5 crore had been transferred to the account of a gold jewelery shop owner in Surat. During their investigation in Surat, they found that the accused had used the extorted money to purchase gold. Subsequently, the police gathered details about the other accounts where the money was transferred and arrested all three accused.

When the accused learned that the victim had recently received a share worth Rs 12 crore, they began contacting him from different numbers, introducing themselves as ED and Customs officials – Police

State budget to include grants

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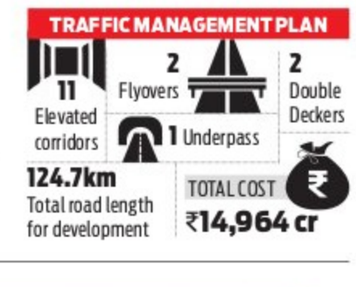
A SENIOR BBMP engineer added that big-ticket projects like the double-decker elevated corridor with a Metro line from Hosahalli to Kadabagere Cross along Magadi Road, covering 13km, will cost Rs 1,560 crore.

The Palike has proposed another double decker corridor in collaboration with Indian Railways, conn ecting BEL Road intersection to the rear of Yeshwanthpur Railway Station via Mohan Kumar Road. The 2.2-km project would cost Rs 294 crore.

BBMP has also proposed short-distance elevated corridor projects, flyovers and underpasses for easing traffic. The upcoming state budget is likely to include grants for the elevated corridor projects, double-decker and underpass projects.

THE OTHER PROJECTS

- Madhava Mudaliar Road (Tannery Road) to Nagawara Junction, 5.5km at Rs 660 crore
- 4-km elevated corridor from Yelahanka New Town to KIA
- ₹480-crore elevated corridor from West of Chord Road to Outer Ring Road via Pipeline Road (Nandini Layout)
- 0.9km underpass at Konanakunte Cross, from Kanakapura to Banashankari
- 0.8km proposed flyover at Adyar Raghuvanahalli, Kanakapura Road-Ananda Bhavan
- Continuation of Ananda Rao Circle flyover up to KR Circle towards Nrupatunga Road



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Former chief minister and Belagavi MP Jagadish Shettar launched a scathing attack on the Congress government in Belagavi on Sunday, accusing the party of misusing government funds for political purposes

OUT IN THE COLD

TEAM TNIE

THE recent death of a 35-year-old man in the courtyard of Cheluvamba Hospital in Mysuru, has brought to light the harsh realities faced by caregivers accompanying patients. While some hospitals across Karnataka do have a dormitory for patient attendants, others don't, forcing them to rest and sleep in the open in the hospital premises. At places where dormitories are available, patient attendants are asked to pay a nominal fee of Rs 30 per day or more, depending on the facilities offered. However, there are some who cannot afford even the bare minimum fee and urge the government to make the dormitory facility free for the poor.

BENGALURU

CAREGIVERS NOT AWARE OF DORM FACILITY

When his mother, aged over 60, suffered a stroke, Shiva (name changed) rushed her to Victoria Hospital. She was wheeled into the ICU and no one was allowed to stay with her. As it was an emergency, Shiva hadn't taken anything to keep himself warm, and spent the night braving the chilly weather outside the ICU block.

The next day he paid a nominal fee at the dormitory facility inside the Victoria campus and stayed there. "They collect a nominal fee which varies, based on the bed and accommodation we choose. The majority of patients who come to government hospitals is poor. It would be better if free accommodation is given to patients' attendants," Shiva said.

At Victoria Hospital and KC General Hospital, which have heavy inflow of patients from across the state, many patients and attendants sleep outside. Despite the hospitals having dormitory facilities, many are not even aware of it -- some sleep on benches and under trees on the hospital premises so they are immediately available in case of an emergency. Although security guards and police do not allow people to sleep in the open, caretakers return once they leave the scene.

A senior doctor from Victoria Hospital to TNIE, "The government gives most of the treatment for free to the poor. A private trust operates the dormitory facility and charges a nominal fee for maintenance, as they have to hire staffers to keep the facility clean."

Sharing his views on speculation over the death of a new father sleeping outdoors in Mysuru, as he couldn't afford Rs 30 for the dormitory, the doctor said, "We don't know the exact cause of death. What if he had paid Rs 30 or was allowed to stay for free in the dormitory, and had died? We can urge the government to offer dormitories free of cost to the needy."

MYSURU

FACILITY AVAILABLE, BUT MANY SLEEP OUTSIDE

The tragic death of Shivagopalaiah in the courtyard of Cheluvamba Hospital in Mysuru has brought to light the harsh realities faced by caregivers accompanying patients at government hospitals. It has made the public demand better facilities to keep the dignity of caregivers. To prevent further tragedies, authorities in the district suggest it is not just the affordability of these facilities, there are many other challenges faced by impoverished families.

Dr Dakshayani, Dean and Director of MMCRI, said adequate dormitory facilities are available for caregivers and attendants in KR hospital.

"Our dormitory charges are nominal at just Rs 30 per night, and sometimes if they come from very poor backgrounds, even that is not charged. Unfortunately, many attendants opt to sleep outside, often due to fears about their patient's safety, and to know about the treatment they are undergoing, she said. Meanwhile, security guards deployed at these hospitals say they inform the attendants about the dormitory facility and warn them not to sleep in the open, but many pick fights and return to their spots to sleep when the guards go on their rounds.

Relatives of patients try to find some succour against the biting cold, as they sleep in a row across benches, in a corridor at KC General Hospital in Bengaluru (Top); The presence of a stray dog isn't as intimidating as the chill of the night for a woman and a man, huddled together on a bench outside Victoria Hospital in Bengaluru | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

BIG PICTURE

KALABURAGI

LAND AVAILABLE, BUT DORMITORY NOT YET BUILT

Though Kalaburagi city has a 750-bed hospital attached to Gulbarga Institute of Medical Sciences (GIMS), and a nearby Trauma Care Hospital of 100 beds, the government has not yet constructed a dormitory near the hospitals. The government has constructed a shelter with an umbrella-type of roof but no surrounding walls for the use of patients' attendants, but which can be used only during the day.

Sources told TNIE that about half a century ago, a person had donated 22 guntas of land exclusively for the construction of a dormitory, but sadly, it has been turned into an outdoor toilet and also for throwing garbage.

Medical Superintendent of GIMS Dr Shivakumar admitted that there is no provision of a dormitory at GIMS Hospital, and as per norms, attendants are allowed to stay with the patients only under special circumstances.

National president of All India Government Private Public Sector Pharmacists' Association BS Desai said Medical Education Minister Dr Sharanaprakash Patil, who hails from Kalaburagi district, has brought many government health institutions to the district, and should make up his mind to construct a dormitory immediately as space is available close to GIMS Hospital.

UDUPI

ATTENDANTS STRUGGLE, DRUNKARDS ENTER HOSP

Sunder, in his 40s, admitted his father Kariya at the district government hospital in Ajjarakad, Udupi, as the latter was suffering from liver disease. At 11pm on January 15, Sunder was trying to sleep in the verandah, but the trouble was mosquito bites. "I had admitted my father in this hospital about two decades ago, the situation for patients' attendants is the same as then. There is no dormitory, so all patients' attendants sleep in the verandah. Sleep is a distant dream here due to mosquito bites," he said. Jayadevappa from Haveri district, who had admitted his mother for a leg surgery, was one of those sleeping in the verandah. He too rued the lack of a dormitory in the government hospital. Vinay Poojary from Moodbidri, whose father is an in-patient at the hospital, said the ill-health of a family member is already mentally agonizing, now to sleep on the floor in the hospital corridor is a distressing experience.

Another patient's attendant, Pradeep from Halady, Kundapur taluk, said his sister came to stay with their mother. "In the district government hospital, there is no dormitory facility even for women attendants. She slept below my mother's cot. I sleep on the verandah," he said. Further, he said that due to poor security measures, some drunkards also gain entry and sleep in the hospital verandah.

Udupi district surgeon Dr Ashok H told TNIE that the present 120-bed Udupi district government hospital never had a dormitory, though it was proposed in the past. "In the new 250-bed district government hospital also, there is no provision for dormitories. However, a proposal has been made to create separate dormitories for male and female attendants of patients in the existing hospital structure, once the new hospital is inaugurated," he said.

KOLAR

DORMITORY YET TO OPEN, CORRIDOR ONLY OPTION

Kolar District SNR Hospital does not have dormitory facility meant for caregivers and attendants. Women attendants are allowed to stay with women and children in the ward, while male attendants are not allowed inside the mother and child hospital. The district administration has constructed a dormitory which is yet to be opened, said district surgeon in charge Dr Mamtha.

In KGF's 100-bed mother and child hospital, District Surgeon Dr HM Suresh Kumar said that on request, male attendants are allowed to sleep in the corridor after confirming they are patient attendants, and if they are not in a position to pay for private accommodation. They are allowed on the condition that they should leave the place before 6am and come in after 10pm. However, this happens only in exceptional cases, he clarified.

Dr Kumar said two hospital staffers regularly stay at the entrance and monitor the people who stay, and the entrance gate to enter the hospital is locked.

HASSAN

REQUEST FOR TWO ATTENDANTS

The 1000-bed Hassan Institute of Medical Sciences (HIMS) has 'Hasanamba Dharmachatra', a dormitory constructed for caretakers and kin of patients. Hasanamba Dharmachatra was constructed by Dr Gururaj Hebbar Charitable Trust, an NGO, in the interest of poor people, and handed it over to HIMS Hospital a couple of years ago. Caretakers can pay Rs 50 per head to stay in the dormitory which has amenities like washrooms and hot water.

According to HIMS Director Rajanna, sincere efforts have been made to provide better service, despite the staff shortage. Around 1,800 patients from Hassan and various parts of Madikeri, Chikkamagaluru, Tumakuru and Chitradurga visit different outpatient departments.

Savitramma, an in-patient in the women's ward, said it would be better to allow at least two caretakers for each patient inside the hospital. One caretaker cannot provide many services to the patient, she added.

(With inputs from Aknisree Karthik/Bengaluru, Karthik K K/ Mysuru, Ramakrishna Badseshi/ Kalaburagi, BR Uday Kumar/Hassan, Prakash Samaga/Udupi and V Velayudham/Kolar)

Changes in govt, Cong party unit unlikely soon

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
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WHILE Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar are shadowboxing over sharing of power, a change in guard, both in the government and ruling Congress, is unlikely to happen anytime soon. Camps of the two top leaders seem to be checkmating each other with Siddaramaiah's coterie wanting to replace Shivakumar as KPCC president, while the latter itching to become CM.

Magadi MLA HC Balakrishna's statement on Saturday that a new KPCC president should take over after Shivakumar becomes CM gave enough indication. "Since Siddaramaiah, originally a JDS leader, is CM, the party's top post of KPCC president is unlikely to be handed out to his camp members, especially Satish Jarkiholi. This is to balance the equation. There is no match to Shivakumar, who is a staunch Congress loyalist," said a Vokkaliga MLA.

When the party came to power in 2023, Shivakumar made a strong claim for the CM post, having led the party to victory, but settled for the DCM post with the proviso that he should continue to be the KPCC president, the MLA pointed out. But Siddaramaiah's loyalists, in particular PWD minister Satish Jarkiholi, recently stated that there was an agreement that after the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, there should be a change.

Even as the Shivakumar camp claimed that there was a pact at the high command level that there would be a transfer of power after Siddaramaiah completed his two-and-a-half years of the term, the CM's camp asserted there was no such agreement.

The party high command has not issued any clarification further complicating matters. But AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge was forced to issue a statement that he and Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi will decide if there has to be a change. "But he did not say that there will be no change, but that it will happen at the appropriate time. The high command had to walk the tightrope as the Siddaramaiah camp, through Satish Jarkiholi, is trying to consolidate its position. Satish's brother Ramesh too has the potential to pose a threat to the government which the Congress high command is trying to thwart," observed another Congress leader.

The opposition BJP being a divided house has turned into a blessing for Congress, observed an analyst.

The transition of power will happen only after bargaining for power between the two camps reaches a logical end. Some of Siddaramaiah's loyalists are rabble rousing as they fear they would be ignored under changed circumstances, he said.

Countdown begins: Who will replace Atheeq as ACS finance?

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

WITH just two weeks to go for **LK Atheeq**'s retirement, speculation is mounting over as to who will fill the big shoes of the powerful Additional Chief Secretary – ACS of Finance and ACS to the Chief Minister's Office. As Chief Minister Siddaramaiah prepares his 16th budget, the position of ACS Finance is more crucial than ever, setting the stage for intense political manoeuvring.

Atheeq has had an illustrious career, including key roles with former PM Manmohan Singh in New Delhi and at the World Bank. He will leave back a significant legacy, and finding a worthy successor is no easy task. But the burning question remains: Who will step into his formidable role?

The list of potential candidates is generating a significant buzz. On top of the list is Gaurav Gupta, but there are other strong contenders in the mix. BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath and Uma Mahadevan too are being touted as likely replacements, while SR Umashankar, who is set to retire soon, remains in contention. Some sources, however, suggest that Anjum Parvez, further down the seniority ladder, might be the surprise favourite and that Girinath might choose to replace Umashankar as ACS, Urban Development Department when he retires shortly.

Adding to the intrigue, the names of a handful of top officers on deputation in Delhi, like Atul Tiwari, Nilaya Mitash, Vandana Gurnani and V Vidyavathi, too are doing the rounds. But insiders indicate that these officers may be reluctant to relocate to Bengaluru, preferring to remain in Delhi, where post-retirement opportunities are more favourable.

Though there are rumours that Atheeq's term could be extended, it is unlikely to materialise. Sources said that granting extensions is not part of the established protocol, and Siddaramaiah is known to adhere to rules rather than make exceptions. A recent move in Andhra Pradesh, where a junior officer was appointed chief secretary, has fuelled speculation, but Siddaramaiah's commitment to convention suggests that this path is unlikely. But two sources said Siddaramaiah might just consider an extension for Atheeq.

As the deadline for the officer's retirement looms, all eyes are on the CM's final decision, even as Parvez's name is increasingly being mentioned as the frontrunner.

DKS prays at Sri Kapileshwara Temple in Belagavi

BELAGAVI: Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar visited the historical Sri Kapileshwara Temple in Belagavi on Sunday, where he performed Ksheerabhishekam, offering 111 litres of milk to the deity. "I always perform puja to remember the divine before leaving my house. That's why I came to the temple today," he said. Shivakumar announced his plans to attend the Mahakumbh Mela in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh. He said, "I will be visiting the Kumbh Mela with my family. However, the exact date for my visit has not yet been finalised." **ENS**

Karnataka to have Education Reform Committees at taluk level

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IN a move aimed at improving the quality of education across Karnataka, the state government has issued an order for the formation of Education Reform Committees at the taluk level.

These committees, to be chaired by the respective MLAs, are tasked with addressing key challenges such as increasing enrolment, ensuring regular attendance, and enhancing learning outcomes for students. As part of this, very low enrolment schools will be merged with nearby institutions under a 'Hub and Spoke' model.

The committees will focus on monitoring and improving the performance of government schools and pre-university colleges in their respective taluks. The formation of these committees is expected to fill the gap left by the lack of sufficient time for education-related discussions during the Karnataka Development Programme (KDP) review meetings.

Reports on the committee's activities and progress are to be submitted to the education department. A department official said that by using the influence of local leaders, the committees' aim is to ensure that every child has access to schooling and quality education.

The order also refined the list of committee members. It replaced the earlier provision for including School Development and Monitoring Committee (SDMC) representatives with SDMC chairpersons from the government primary and high schools with highest enrolments in the taluk. The number of general group members was also revised to two.

Other members will include tehsildar, the executive officer of the taluk panchayat, the block education officer, head teachers of schools with the highest enrolments in the taluk, and principals of government pre-university colleges with significant student strength. Additionally, senior lecturers from District Institutes of Education and Training (DIET) will act as nodal officers for the committees.

The committees will also include five nominated members from various communities, including SC, ST, OBC, women, and a graduate from the general category. In taluks represented by a minister, a nominee appointed by the minister will chair the committee.

While welcoming the establishment of Turmeric Board in Nizamabad, BRS MLC K Kavitha said that the Centre should announce minimum support price (MSP) of `15,000 per quintal to fulfil the long-pending demand of farmers

Accused had contacted victim with card offer

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THE fraudster claimed that the bank had approved a credit card for the victim, and due to his good credit score, he was eligible to receive a free mobile phone. The fraudster had earlier contacted the victim with a credit card offer, and convinced him to take the card, police said,

Following this, a new mobile phone was sent to the techie's address. The victim inserted a SIM card into the phone, which had pre-installed cloning software. This software was configured in such a way that no messages or emails from the bank would be received on his device. A week later, the techie noticed that funds were debited from his FD account. Since phone was cloned, the OTPs sent by the bank were redirected to the fraudster's account. Upon enquiring at the bank, the victim learnt that the money had been siphoned off by fraudsters, after which he approached the police.

EXPRESS READ

Revanth ends S'pore tour, heads to Davos

HYDERABAD: Telangana CM A Revanth Reddy, along with his delegation, concluded its two-day visit to Singapore, holding several meetings with business houses and members of the Singapore Business Federation. The team is now heading to Davos to attend the World Economic Forum meetings. Along with IT/Industries Minister D Sridhar Babu and officials, the team engaged in discussions on policies and potential of investing in the state.

Shah: Centre approved projects worth ₹3L-cr for AP in six months

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Vijayawada

EMPHASISING Prime Minister Narendra Modi's support for the development of Andhra Pradesh, Union Minister for Home Affairs Amit Shah highlighted that the Centre has approved projects totalling over ₹3 lakh crore for the State in the last six months.

As part of his two-day tour to Vijayawada, he addressed a gathering on the 20th Raising Day of the NDRF (National Disaster Response Force) at Kondapavuluru in Krishna district on Sunday. He also inaugurated the southern campus of the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) and the NDRF's 10th Battalion campus near Vijayawada. Additionally, he inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for various projects worth approximately ₹220 crore.

Shah remarked, "Today, I can say with confidence that NDRF's implementation of NDMA (National Disaster Management Authority) policies on the ground has played a pivotal role in positioning India as a global leader in disaster management. India has taken the lead worldwide in disaster-resilient infrastructure by setting up CDRI (Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure)."

Backed by resilient infrastructure in the area of disaster management, India has emerged as a global leader in the sector by adopting a 'zero casualty' goal during calamities, he said, and explained that the approach to disaster management has shifted from being relief-centric to 'rescue-centric' in order to save lives during calamities. In such a short span of time, NDRF has established itself as a credible organisation not only within India but also globally, he added.

Lashing out at the YSRCP, Shah stated that Andhra Pradesh suffered significant setbacks in the past five years due to the mismanagement of the previous government. He added that while the NDRF responds during natural disasters, the NDA steps in to assist the people during "man-made" crises.

The Union Minister stressed that PM Modi and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu are working together to drive growth in Andhra Pradesh and make up for the losses incurred under the previous YSRCP regime.

Amit Shah and Chandrababu Naidu at the inauguration of NIDM building in Kondapavuluru on Sunday | EXPRESS

Kerala court issues warrant against Baba Ramdev

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ T'Puram

THE Palakkad Judicial First Class Magistrate has issued a warrant against **Baba Ramdev** and Acharya Balkrishna of Divya Pharmacy in a case filed by the drugs control department for unlawful drug promotion.

This is the first warrant issued against the controversial drug manufacturer which is facing similar cases in different states. The bailable warrant was issued on January 16 after the drug manufacturer failed to respond to summons. The development comes at a time when the Supreme Court is closely monitoring the actions taken by the states regarding misleading advertisement in violation of Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954. The drugs control department filed the case based on a complaint by Kannur-based health activist Dr Babu K V. The

'MISLEADING DRUG PROMOTION'

department has filed a total of 10 cases against the Ramdev-promoted Divya Pharmacy for misleading advertisements in the courts of Kozhikode (4 cases), Palakkad (3), Ernakulam (2) and Thiruvananthapuram (1). The cases have been registered for violation of section 3(d) of Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisement) Act 1954. Under the law, the cure for 54 diseases listed in the schedule should not be advertised. Last April, the drug control department had become the first drug-licensing agency in the country to file a case against Patanjali Ayurved for "misleading advertisements". The department found Patanjali's Divya Pharmacy advertised pharmaceutical products for restricted diseases in more than 30 instances.

ONE FOR THE POTUS...

A sand art by artist Sudarsan Pattnaik congratulating Donald Trump ahead of his swearing-in as the 47th President of the US, on Niladri Beach in Puri, Odisha, on Sunday | DEBADATTA MALLICK

Gomutra's 'medicinal value' cured man's fever in 15 min: IIT-M director

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

IIT-Madras director V Kamakoti is facing severe flak for endorsing gomutra (cow urine) for its "medicinal value" and its alleged ability to cure conditions like irritable bowel syndrome and fever.

In a video clipping that has since gone viral on social media platforms, Kamakoti said that Gomutra has anti-bacterial, anti-fungal and digestive properties.

Sharing an anecdote of a "holy man" suffering from high fever getting cured within 15 minutes of consuming cow urine, Kamakoti advocated for further recognition of gomutra's "medicinal value," while speaking at an event organised by a cattle shelter 'Go Samrakshana Shala' on Maatu Pongal.

Reacting to the remarks, Congress leader Karti P Chidambaram took to 'X' to criticise the director for peddling pseudoscience. DMK leader TKS Elangovan also slammed Kamakoti's remark while Thanthai Periyar Dravidar Kazhagam leader K Ramakrishnan said the director should back his claims with proof or must tender an apology.

Speaking at the event Kamakoti, who is also into organic farming, emphasised the need to protect and promote indigenous varieties of cows and bulls and to shun the use of fertilisers.

When *TNIE* reached out, Kamakoti was unavailable for comments on the issue.

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Our clients intend to purchase the schedule property from **Sri S. JAYA KRISHNA** S/o. Late S. Jagadishwar Rao, Aged about 43 years, Residing at 11-13-1393, Road no.3, Margadarsi Colony, R.K.Puram, Kothapet, Hyderabad – 500035, and Represented by his JDA/GPA Holder M/s VAISHNAVI DEVELOPERS, Represented by its Partner Sri. G. Kotaiah for Confirming Party, Having its Office at H.No.16-70/1, Road No.4,Krishna Nagar, Dilsukhnagar, Hyderabad – 500060, Any person/s who claims any right, title or interest of any nature or any lien / charge or enforceable right in relation to the schedule property has any objection of any nature to the transaction should lodge such claim/objection in writing to the undersigned together with supporting documents within 7 days thereof, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claim/s or objections subsists and our clients would proceed to complete the sale transaction with the present owner thereof subject to compliance of statutory and legal formalities.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the SITE BEARING NO. 130, having Property ID No. 150200102800421163 Khata No:138/130, formed in (Sy. Nos. 22 and 28) in the layout "URBAN COUNTY" (Carved out of Sy. Nos. 22, 28, 29/1, 30/8, 30/5, 30/9, 31/1A, 31/2A situated at Nosencor Village, Jigani Hobli, Bangalore District and Sy.nos. 53/1, 54, 55/2, 55/3, 56/1, 56/2, 57/1, 57/2, 64, 65/2, situated at Kumbaranahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, and Kumbaranahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District in All totally measuring 7 acre 26.5 Guntas with approval No: LP No: APA/LAO/55/2021-22, dated 19/02/2023, sanctioned by the Anekal Planning Authority, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore (Vide conversion order LAND10012501, dated 22/07/2019) (Vide conversion order No. ALN(A&K)SR104/2014-15, dated 05-05-2015 issued by the Office of the District Commissioner, Bangalore District).. The said Site No.130 measuring East-West: 12.865 mtrs (42 feet) and North-South: 9.145 mtrs (30 feet) in all measuring 117.05 Sq. mtrs (1260 Sq. feet) and bounded on: **East By** : 9. 0 M Wide Road
West By : Private Property, **North By** : Site no. 129
South By : Site no. 131

Sridhara. R, Advocates
No. 30/a, 14th cross, HSR Layout, 9th Main, Bangalore PH No. 7760671264, Bangalore. Date:20.01.2025

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE & JMFC AT ANEKAL

O.S. No. 582/2014

BETWEEN : SHEIK MEHABOOB & OTHERS
...PLAINTIFFS
AND : SRI SHEIK ANWAR & OTHERS
...DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT Nos. 5 TO 22 UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

5. Mohammed Anif, S/o. Late Bachi Sab, aged about 68 years, **6. Majanabi** W/o. Mohammed Anif, aged about 65 years, **7. Fayaz** S/o. Mohammed Anif, aged about 63 years, **8. Sattar Sab,** S/o. Late Bachi Sab, aged about 65 years, **9. Pyari Jan,** W/o. Sattar Sab, aged about 58 years, **10. Sadath** S/o Pyari Jan, aged about 60 years, **11. Shaffi** S/o. Pyari Jan aged about 41 years, **12. Babu**, S/o. Late Bachi Sab, aged about 58 years, **13. Jiya Boon** W/o. Babu, aged about 45 years, **14. Ubed,** aged about 48 years, **15. Mohammed Abbas** S/o. Late Bachi Sab, aged about 58 years, **16. Kammrunnisa** W/o. Mohammed Abbas, aged about 60 years, **17. Ilyas** S/o. Mohammed Abbas, aged about 38 years, **18. Jamrud** W/o. Late Razak, aged about 40 years, **19. Ghouse**, S/o Late Razaak, Aged about 30 years, **20. Issac**, S/o Late Bachi Sab, Aged about 45 years, **21. Mehabood,** W/o Issac, Aged about 40 years, Defendants 5 to 21 are r/at Shikaripalya, Maragondanahalli Dhakale, Jigani Hobili, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District.

22. Smt. Sudha D/o late Kannaian Naidu, Aged about 50 years, r/at No. 19, 3rd Main, Vitta Nagar, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-560 018. Also R/at Palur Village, Palani Post, Vanambadi Taluk, Arcot District.

Whereas, the above-named Plaintiffs instituted a suit against you for the relief of partition and separate possession of the suit schedule property.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court **on 06.02.2025 at 11.00 A.M.** in person or through Advocate/Pleader to answer the questions to the same, failing which the suit will be heard and determined as exparte.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Sy.No. 18/1, measuring 2 acres 25 guntas, situated at Maragondanahalli, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru and bounded on:
East by : Mohammed Sab land now Kannaiah Naidu's land, **West by :** Kuntu Munawar Sab land, **North by :** Nanjundappa's land, **South by :** Rani Sab and Basheer Sab land.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, on this 30th day of September 2024.

By Order of the Court,
Chief Ministerial Officer,
Senior Civil Judge and JMFC, Anekal.
Advocate for Plaintiffs :
M. Ambareesh, Advocate
No. 14 & 15, Sathyappa Plaza, Chamber-2, 3rd Floor, Avenue Road, Bengaluru-560053.

PUBLIC NOTICE

To whoever concerned, the property mentioned below is part of a schedule property in a Partition Suit in O.S.No. 1665/2013 pending before the Hon'ble LXXIII City Civil and Sessions Judge, Bengaluru (CCH-74) (Transferred from Principal Senior Civil Judge, Bengaluru Rural, Bengaluru), any purchases made in respect of the property will be part of the lis in the suit mentioned above and shall not be treated as a bona fide purchase.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of properties bearing Sy.No.25 measuring 2 Acres 30 Guntas and Sy.No.26 measuring 1 Acre 10 Guntas, both situate at Varanasi Grama, Jinke Thimmanahalli, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, both properties having common boundaries as follows:- **East:** Ramaiah's land
West: Road and Anjinappa's Land
North: Kondappa's land.
South: Jangamareddy's land.

YASHAS. K, ADVOCATE
KAR/1431/2017
OFFICE AT #1935, 9TH A MAIN, JUDICIAL LAYOUT, GKVK POST, BENGALURU-560 065
PH NO: 99026 83949,
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Maharashtra State Agricultural Marketing Board (MSAMB)
Plot No. R-7, Market Yard, Gultekadi, Pune - 411037
Phone: 020-24528100 / 24528200
Website : www.msamb.com, Email : export@msamb.com

E-Tender Notice

MSAMB with support from MAGNET Project has developed Fruit and Vegetable Handling Facility, at Baramati, Dist: Pune. E-tenders are being invited for the Selection of Agency to Operate, Maintain & Manage the said facility. The eTender document with detailed guidelines is available on the website http://mahatenders.gov.in. The last date for submission of the eTender is 11/02/2025. Amendments / modification / date extension to the tender document will be uploaded on http://mahatenders.gov.in only.

Managing Director

YES BANK LIMITED

Regd. & Corporate Office: Yes Bank House, Off Western Express Highway, Santacruz East, Mumbai 400055.
CIN: L65190MH2003PLC143249, **E-mail:** communications@yesbank.in, **Website:** www.yesbank.in

Branch Address: YES Bank Limited, Brindavan Building, Raj Ram Mohan Roy Road, Sampangi Ramnagar, Bangalore - 560025.

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE U/S 13 (2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT

Notice is hereby given that the under mentioned borrower(s)/ guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) who have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the Overdraft facilities obtained by them from the Bank and whose facility account has been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (SARFAESI Act) on their last known addresses but they have been returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.1	Agreement No. AFH002200799946 & AFH002200302730	Type of Loan: AFH	O/s. As per 13(2) Notice: Rs.46,36,885.24/-	NPA Date: 24-Mar-2021	Notice Date: 07-01-2025

Name of Borrowers, Co-borrowers, Guarantors, Mortgagors: **M. Panduranga 2. .Smt. Lakshmi**

Details of secured asset

All that piece part and parcel of the immovable property bearing converted Sy.No.114, computerized Katha No.1370/11, unique ID No.15020040050042017 4converted from agricultural to Non-agricultural residential purposes vide its No. ALN (EBB) SR/101/2013-2014 dated 8th November 2013 and the conversion order is accorded by the Deputy Commissioner Bengaluru District Bangalore) situated at Kithinganaur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring 2 acres 03guntas and being bounded on: East By: Sy.No.115 belongs to Smt.Muniankamma and Rama Reddy Land. West by : Sy.No.116 belongs to Sri.Yella Reddy, North by: Road, South by: Sy.No.97 belongs to Sri.Karagappa

Sr. No.2	Agreement No. HLN002200703336 & HLN002200452862	Type of Loan: AFH	O/s. As per 13(2) Notice: Rs.19,04,719.06/-	NPA Date: 13-Sep-2024	Notice Date: 28-09-2024

Name of Borrowers, Co-borrowers, Guarantors, Mortgagors: **Mr.Mohan V. 2. Smt. Gayatri.**

Details of secured asset

All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land bearing BBMP municipal No.320, PID-41-1-320, Mysore Road, ward No.158, Bengaluru- 560026(earlier Sy.No.11/2 Deevitigeramannahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk) measuring a total extent of about 18,384 sqmtrs (197885 Sqft) now coming within the jurisdiction of the BBMP and bounded by East by: Sy.No.7 of Deevitigeramanahalli Village, West by : Road followed by Sy.No.12 of Deevitigeramanahalli Village, North by: Sy.No.10 of Deevitigeramanahalli Village and Bengaluru-Mysore High way, South by: Sy.No.10 of Deevitigeramanahalli Village

Schedule "B" Residential Apartment: Residential Apartment bearing No.D-201, in block A wing -2 second floor in the residential complex known as "Pride Enchanta -Phase-1" constructed on the schedule A property measuring about 78.77 sqmtrs (847.86 sqft) of carpet area together with the exclusive right to use and enjoy the internal balconies area of 9.26sqmtrs (99.61 sqfts) lying appurtenant thereto consisting of two Bed rooms and the exclusive right to use and enjoy one converted car parking space in the basement Ground floor with RCC roofing and built in accordance with the specification as agreed to between the Land Owner/Vendor, the Development /Promoter ad the Purchaser /allottee under the terms and conditions of the agreement to sell dt: 30-9-2018 entered into between them.

Sr. No.3	Agreement No. AFH002200443227	Type of Loan: AFH	O/s. As per 13(2) Notice: Rs.29,07,135.50/-	NPA Date: 05-Oct-2024	Notice Date: 31-12-2024

Name of Borrowers, Co-borrowers, Guarantors, Mortgagors: **Mr.Nirup Kumar Nayak, Smt.Ritanjali Nayak**

Details of secured asset

All that piece and parcel of residential concerted land bearing Sy.No.210(Converted vide Official Memorandum No. ALN(H) SR:SR:08/2012-13, dated 23-7-2013issued by deputy commissioner Bangalore Rural District measuring 2-00 acres situated at Kanekal Village, Jedigenahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on that: East by: Land bearing Sy.No.133,West by: Road, North by: Land bearing Sy.No.133, South by: land bearing Sy.No.133

SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY: 263 Sqft in an undivided share in the land described in schedule "A" Property above together with corresponding right, title, interest and ownership. Residential apartment No.223, (PID No.150300402200120387) in "D" Block on Second Floor having Carpet area of 416 Sqft and Super built up area of 681 Sqft inclusive of Proportionate share of common area along with one car parking space in the building known as "Sowparnika Indraprastha" together with the right to use passage, lobbys, lifts, stair case and other areas of commons use. All the floors and ceilings between apartment as also walls and other areas of common use. All the floors and ceilings between apartment as also walls between adjoining apartments shall be owned jointly and equally by the adjoining apartment owners. East By: Corridor, West by :Open space, North by: Flat No.224, South by: Flat No.222.

The apartment constructed with RCC roofing vitrified flooring steeldoors and UPVC windows.

The above borrowers and/or their guarantors(s)/mortgaror(s) (whenever applicable) are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of said 60 days under sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of SARFAESI Act.

Furthermore, this is to bring to your attention that under Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act, in case our dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by us are tendered at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the securd asset shall not be sold or transferred by us, and no further step shall be taken by us for transfer or sale of that secured asset.

Sd/-
Date: 20.01.2025 **Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **For YES BANK Limited**

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Ph :** 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

POSSESSION NOTICE (Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **City Union Bank Ltd.,** having its **Administrative Office** at **No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612001** and one of the Branch Offices at **No.194, Ground Floor, 7th Cross, I Stage, Indira Nagar, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban - 560038, Bengaluru-Indira Nagar Branch** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) & (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice Dated **22-10-2024** calling upon the borrowers **No.1) M/s. Saathvik Eco, No.12, Sreegiri Nilayam, 2nd Lane, 3rd Block, Dasappa Layout, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore, Bangalore Urban, Karnataka - 560016. No.2) Mr. N.V. Sivaprasad, S/o. Rathnaiah.N.V., No.12, Sreegiri Nilayam, 2nd Lane, 3rd Block, Dasappa Layout, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore, Bangalore Urban, Karnataka - 560016. Also at, Mr. N.V. Sivaprasad, S/o. Rathnaiah.N.V., No15, Komaladhara, 3rd Cross, 3rd Block, Rami Reddy, Behind Dasappa Layout, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore. No.3) Mrs. Sree Lakshmi Devi, No.12, Sreegiri Nilayam, 2nd Lane, 3rd Block, Dasappa Layout, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore, Bangalore Urban, Karnataka - 560016** to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being **Rs.21,10,273/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Ten Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy Three only)** within **60 days** from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from **15-10-2024** with monthly rests.

The borrowers above named having failed to repay the amount despite the receipt of the above referred statutory notice, NOTICE is hereby given to the borrowers above named and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the Properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 17th day of January 2025.

The borrowers above named in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of City Union Bank Ltd. for an amount of **Rs.21,88,567/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Seven only)** and interest thereon from **30-12-2024** till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank

Schedule - A

Property - 1 : (Property Owned by Mr. N.V. Sivaprasad, S/o. Rathnaiah.N.V.)

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Site No.12, Katha No.1399, formed out of Sy.No.112/3, Situated at Ramamurthy Nagar, K.R.Puram, Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk. Measuring : East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 feet in all measuring 1,200 sq.ft. and bounded on the : East by : Road, West by : Site No.10, North by : Site No.13, South by : Site No.5. With Residential Building Putup thereon.

Place : Bengaluru, Date : 17-01-2025 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

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The borrowers above named having failed to repay the amount despite the receipt of the above referred statutory notice, NOTICE is hereby given to the borrowers above named and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the Properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 17th day of January 2025.

The borrowers above named in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of City Union Bank Ltd. for an amount of **Rs.26,64,041/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Sixty Four Thousand and Forty One only)** and interest thereon from **17-01-2025** till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank

Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Mr. Pratap Ram, S/o. Nemaram)

All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property bearing Residential Northern Portion of Site No.227, New No.285, formed in Survey No.42, situated at Chennakeshava Nagar, 1st Cross, Singasandra, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently comes under BBMP Limits, Measuring : East to West 40 feet, North to South 15 feet, in all measuring 600 Sq.ft., together with all rights, appurtenances, whatsover underneath or above the surface and bounded thereon : East by : Road (Previous site No.226), West by : Site No.260 (old 228), North by : Site No.234, South by : Remaining Portion of same Site belongs to Rajappa.

Place : Bangalore, Date : 17-01-2025 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK

(A Scheduled Commercial Bank) | **Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071**

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagors have availed loans from **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as **Non-performing Asset,** whereas **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **Demand notice** calling upon the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs. / as on
1	1) Ms. Shruthi M 2) Ms. Gowri R 3) Mr. Mahesh M	Loan Account No. 33639420001873 Amount: Rs. 30,00,661/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the Site No.15, Katha No.137, BBMP Katha SL.No.166, situated at Ullalu Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Now comes under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore and bounded on Measuring East to West: 40 Feet and North to South: 30 Feet, in all Measuring 1200 Sq.ft. And Bounded on: **East by:** Private Property, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No.16, **South by:** Site No.14.	Date of NPA: 01-01-2025 Demand Notice Date: 16.01.2025	Rs.30,38,659/- (Rupees Thirty Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Nine Only) due as on 15-01-2025
2	1) M/s. Sanjay Fabrics, Represented by its Prop. Mrs. Latha R, 2) M/s. Swetha Enterprises Represented By Its Prop. Mr. Kumar M, 3) Mrs. Latha R Proprietor of M/s. Sanjay Fabrics, Also At: M/s. Sanjay Fabrics, 4) Mr. Kumar M Prop. of M/s. Swetha Enterprises, Also At: M/s. Swetha Enterprises, Represented by its Prop. Mr. Kumar M	Loan Account No. 47468640000085 47468640000098 Loan Amount: Rs.1,00,00,000/- Rs.65,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of Site/Property No.27, Ward No.25, 1st Cross, Kalappa Block, Ramachandrapuram, Bangalore - 560021, East to West 20 Feet (Twenty Feet) and North to South 54 Feet (Fifty Four Feet). Total measuring 1080 Sq. Feet. Bounded on the: **East by:** Private Property, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Road & **South by:** Conservancy Gally. Constructed 2 Sq. RCC and 2 Sq. sheet totally measuring 4 Sq. building.	Date of NPA: 02-12-2024 Demand Notice Date: 16-01-2025	Rs.1,55,19,389.30/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Five Lakh Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Nine And Thirty Paisa Only) due as on 15-01-2025
3	1) Mrs. Nagamma 2) Mr. Hanumaiah	Loan Account No. 33649630000550 Amount: Rs.4,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel for Property No.142, Measuring 30 X 40, Situated at Sheshagiri Colony, Manchanayakanahalli Gram Panchayath, Manchanayakanahalli Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara District and bounded on: **East by:** Suddamma, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Nagamma, **South by:** Ramesh.	Date of NPA: 01-01-2025 Demand Notice Date: 16.01.2025	Rs.3,18,297.12/- (Rupees Three Lakh Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Seven and Twelve Paisa Only) due as on 15-01-2025
4	1) Mr. Shriramappa A, 2) Mrs. Munivenkatamma	Loan Account No. 46459410001673 46459630001924 Amount: Rs.5,00,000/- Rs.5,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing No.14/E, E Khatha ID No.150300400900720074, situated at Ummalu Village, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Presently comes under the limits of Doddanallala Village Panchayath and Bounded by the: **East By:** Gayithrimma, **West By:** Thimmakka, **North By:** Road, **South By:** Road.	Date of NPA: 01-01-2025 Demand Notice Date: 10.01.2025	Rs.8,48,862.76/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Forty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Two and Paisa Seventy Six Only) as on 07-01-2025

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No.6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/ prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 20.01.2025, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

EDITORIAL

To understand the immeasurable, the mind must be extraordinarily quiet, still

Jiddu Krishnamurti

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— Ramnath Goenka

PEACE 'TRUMPED' IN GAZA, TIME TO MAKE IT WORK UNDER SUPERVISION

PEACE finally got a chance in war-wracked Gaza after mindless hostility led to the slaughter of over 48,000 people, many of them innocent women and children who had nothing to do with the Hamas militia. Humanity died as most of them were collateral damage in the furious pursuit of Hamas terrorists, who drew first blood by massacring over 1,200 Israelis on a Jewish religious holiday on October 7, 2023. The truce came into effect three hours after the agreed deadline as Hamas played mind games, delaying the announcement of names of the first three of the 33 hostages it intended to set free in the initial phase. The combined push of outgoing US President Joe Biden and his successor-in-waiting Donald Trump resulted in the ceasefire deal. While Trump was the first to claim credit, Biden later said it was the same deal he had pursued since May last year. Trump's threat of 'hell to pay' if the agreement did not go through before his inauguration was the final catalyst for the negotiators to expedite it. That warning was not just for Hamas but also for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, the incoming Trump administration revealed.

Using hunger as an instrument of coercion was as abhorrent as the war itself. Yet, multilateral instruments failed to rein in Israeli troops in Gaza till the US electorate changed the game. Among the mechanisms expected to kick in immediately is reopening the Egyptian border to send humanitarian aid. Also, the phased withdrawal of the Israeli war machine has been written into the deal. It will facilitate the return of the internally displaced Gazans to whatever is left of their bombed-out homes.

However, peace would be tenuous as even a slight misstep could flare up the situation again. Iran's weakened axis of resistance because of the Israeli decimation of Hezbollah and the abdication of Assad in Syria made Hamas see the writing on the wall. The Houthis alone in Yemen have not been subdued yet. While Israel swore to wipe out the Hamas and smoked out its leadership, it could not obliterate it. Lasting peace doesn't come from the barrel of a gun. Only a two-state solution by carving out a separate Palestine can settle the West Asian problem. But that is easier said than done.

BUDGET MUST LOOK AT FISCAL CONSOLIDATION

WITH signs of a slowdown in the economy getting more pronounced, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, who will be presenting the Union Budget on 1 February, has her work cut out. The Budget must not only address the weary private investment scenario in the country but also address the consumption slowdown. The Union government prides itself on being fiscally prudent, and it has proven time and again its resolve to stay on course of fiscal consolidation. However, desperate times need desperate measures. The economic growth is slowing, with GDP likely to grow at less than 7 percent for at least the next three years, including the current one. The anaemic growth of the economy has already led to moderation in consumption–a trend that has been on the show for a couple of years. Rural consumption seems to have picked up, but urban consumption has been hit hard by high inflation and lower credit offtake. The Central bank has consciously put a leash on consumption-related lending as it sees it as an area of concern. With inflation continuing to remain high, the Reserve Bank of India has been holding interest rates at higher levels, further discouraging borrowers from taking loans for discretionary consumption. All these factors have weighed down on corporate India, which has been slow in announcing new projects and investments. This shows in lower private investment numbers. As a result, the economy is now facing a vicious cycle, which the Budget can break.

So, when the finance minister and her North Block colleagues sit down to finalise the budget proposals, they must remember that the government can no longer afford a fiscally very tight budget. The government will have to loosen its purse strings a bit, let the people have more money in their hands, and give some more sops to corporations to prod them into investing. How it achieves these goals would depend on how the government sees the current situation. For the last few years, the government has been spending liberally on capex, and it sees it as a sure-shot way of lifting the economy. Things appear to be different this time. High government spending on infra has shown limitations in addressing the two elephants in the room – slow private consumption and investment growth.

QUICK TAKE

VOLUME DONE, VALUE NEXT

INDIANS made 16.73 billion digital transactions in 2024—around 55.77 crore transactions daily. It leads the digital payment market, with China, Thailand, Brazil and South Korea following. Social media memes followed on how going digital ended the 'no change please' practice and impacted the toffee business. The reference was to kirana traders cleverly using candies as substitutes for coins. Digital precision derailed this sweet equation. But India's challenge begins now. It's top on transaction volumes and has much to catch up with China and the US on value terms. Improving digital literacy, internet dependency, and cyber security can help deepen UPI penetration.

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INDIAN OPTIMISM AWAITING A TRUMPIAN ORDER

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DONALD Trump will be inaugurated today as the 47th President of the United States, but he has already dominated the information space for over two months with media conferences, foreign and domestic policy prescriptions and Cabinet appointments. To cap it all, he claims a major credit for Wednesday's Hamas-Israel hostage release deal.

The world now awaits the new President with anticipation, anxiety and trepidation. A poll for a Brussels-based think tank (ECFR) and an Oxford University Project showed major European nervousness: merely 34 percent of respondents from 11 European Union countries felt Trump was good for America; even fewer (22 percent) felt he would be good for the EU.

These sentiments are obviously in response to Trump's harsh public pronouncements about EU freeloading on the US on trade and NATO's dependence on the US for security.

It upends the post-War understanding that Europe would support the liberal global order abroad, in return for US security umbrella and lenient economic terms.

The first order of business is to disengage from the conflict in Ukraine so that the US can focus more on the strategic challenge from China. Since his boast that he would stop the war in 24 hours, Trump has come to realise that many conflicting interests in the US, Europe and Russia need to be reconciled.

Trump's presumed policy guide, Project 2025, suggests a Eurasian security architecture comprising Europe developing a conventional deterrent against Russia, with the US providing a nuclear umbrella. With Europe's limited indigenous military-industrial capacity and economic situation, it is difficult to see this happening in the near term. The reasons for disaffection with Trump are obvious.

The war in Ukraine brought into sharper relief the post-Cold War transformation in the international landscape. Pressed by Western countries to take positions undermining their national interests, the so-called middle powers rediscovered their autonomy of action and asserted their economic and political interests. The recklessly expanding sanctions regime affected many outside Russia, making a mockery of a "rules-based order". Trump has acknowledged this, particularly noting that financial sanctions undermined the dollar's dominance, which is a US geopolitical priority.

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And what of India?

The EPRS/Oxford study has another interesting revelation: it shows that India is the country that loves Trump the most: 85 percent of respondents feel that Trump will be good for America, and 84 percent that he would be good for India. This is way ahead of countries like Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Brazil, which show varying degrees of support.

This optimism is based on the much-advertised personal chemistry between Trump and Narendra Modi. Modi's declaration, Ab ki baar Trump Sarkar, in late 2019 is coming true after skipping an election cycle. Trump made complimentary remarks about Modi during his election campaign.

Bilateral relations flourished during Trump 1.0, notwithstanding publicly aired differences over tariffs and ease of doing business for American firms in India. These arguments will continue, but if they can nudge India to implement much-needed economic reforms, they would benefit India and India-US relations. India is in a better place on trade deficits than in 2016-20: its trade surplus with the US is well behind China, the EU and countries like Vietnam and Thailand.

Illegal immigration is at the centre of the US political discourse. More than visas for skilled personnel, India should be engaged on potential problems from the US precipitating the deportation of hundreds of thousands of illegal Indian immigrants with consultations to regulate this process to minimise the pain. In the long run, if this can result in more stringent measures to curb rampant people smuggling, it would serve a larger cause.

Trump's major contribution to the relationship was a re-emphasis on the convergence of interests on China. The Quad grouping of the US, India, Japan and Australia was elevated to a summit-level dialogue.

Other bilateral material and intelligence support reinforced the message.

This thrust is likely to continue, though there may be changes in nuance. Trump continues to emphasise the rivalry with China publicly, but frames it in economic and technological terms, more than in military terms. The course of the US-China rivalry is important for India's security calculations and bilateral posture towards China.

In his first term, Trump was locked into a strongly anti-Russia position. This included the CAATSA legislation, which envisaged US sanctions for buying major weapons systems from Russia. However, when India went ahead with purchasing the air defence system S-400, the US Administration did not impose sanctions. A shift of US geopolitical focus away from Russia toward the Indo-Pacific would provide India welcome space for its Eurasian strategy (including Russia), which is not incompatible with US strategic interests.

Trump 1.0 showed an understanding of India's perspectives on South Asia. This may continue. Project 2025 calls for strengthening the US- India partnership in the region and for a "clear-eyed" US policy toward the "perfidiousness" of Afghanistan's Taliban regime and Pakistan's military-political rule. It criticises US foreign aid for Pakistan as against US national interests.

There are, therefore, objective reasons for optimism in India about the incoming Trump Administration. There will be challenges that would flow from the asymmetry in the relationship. We are dealing with a superpower seeking to reconcile multiple interests in a challenging global environment. This means that a convergence of interest does not translate to a congruence of interests. We have to take some bad along with the good while seeking to protect our core interests. The key is to ensure that neither the US nor Indian expectations of the engagement exceed what can be reasonably delivered.

OUTWARD APPEARANCES, INNER MOTIVES AND ALL THAT GREED

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE

SWAMI Vivekananda's birthday, by the English calendar, was on January 12, but his birth anniversary, or Jayanti, according to the panchang or Indian calendar, is on January 21 this year. We cannot think of him without thinking of his guru, Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa, so it might be apt to recall some of the guru's parables or teaching stories. Though quite brief, they contain profound, layered messages.

A popular parable goes that a crooked jeweller pretended to be very pious. His forehead was marked with sandalwood paste, he wore a tulsi mala and kept a jap mala on his wrist all the time. So, people tended to trust him and brought him their business, sure that such a pious man would never cheat them. Whenever a group of customers entered his shop, he would exclaim, "Keshava, Keshava!" After a while, one of his shop attendants would say, "Gopala, Gopala," and after another pause, a second attendant would say, "Hari, Hari". Soon after, a third attendant would say, "Hara, Hara". Since these were all names of God, the pleased customers considered the jeweller a genuine, God-loving person.

But the jeweller and his gang used these names as a secret code. When the jeweller said, "Keshava, Keshava", he asked, "What kind of people are these?" The man who said "Gopala, Gopala" conveyed his estimate of the customers that they were as ignorant and, therefore, as gullible as a herd of cows. The man who said, "Hari, Hari" then asked, through his words, "Is it safe to cheat them?" And the man who said, "Hara, Hara", having also observed them carefully, gave them the go-ahead with his words.

The moral of this story is that we should try not to be instantly taken in by outward appearances, since there are many charlatans masquerading as holy men and try to make fools of us.

Another parable is frightening because it shows how we are sometimes our worst enemies. This is because we are thoughtless and greedy. Whereas if we thought things through to their consequences, as in "If I do this, that will happen", chances are that we'll avoid harming ourselves. This is not to say, 'Don't take risks.' The message here is, 'Don't be so unaware and heedless that you fail to consider the consequences.'

The tale goes that a solo traveller crossed a vast, dry plain in the burning heat of mid-day. Tired and thirsty, he spotted a tree, by and by, in whose shade he thankfully sat down and stretched his legs. Little did he guess that he was under a kalpataru or wish-giving tree. Presently, he wished that he had a nice, soft bed to rest on for a while. Suddenly, a comfortable bed appeared with cool, soft sheets and many pillows. Delighted, the traveller lay down on it and began to relax. After a while, he began to think how nice it would be if a young woman would press his tired legs. Lo and behold, a damsel appeared and started doing just that.

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Supremely happy, the traveller thought to himself, "Now, if only I had some good food to eat." At once, a low, beautifully painted six-sided table appeared next to him with a large brass tray on it, holding silver dishes of food and also a jug of cool, scented water. The young damsel respectfully served him, and he ate like a king, relishing every bite of the delicious, high-quality food.

After this royal repast, the traveller lay back on the bed and fell to thinking over these marvellous events. He was now attached to these luxuries and wanted them always. This desire made him begin to worry that they would vanish. As his thoughts darkened, he forgot that he had only to think of something and it had manifested. Lost in wanting to keep everything, he allowed this stray thought to take shape out of his steadily increasing mental darkness: "What if a tiger suddenly attacked me?" The next second, a huge, fierce tiger appeared. It leapt at him, roaring, broke his neck and drank his blood.

Yet another parable holds up an unsparing mirror to what might be our true inner motive in doing certain outward things. A man celebrated Durga Puja out in rural Bengal with great pomp. Goat after goat was sacrificed, and rich curries were offered to the goddess. The entire village was invited, and landlords from neighbouring villages. The feasting went on for days, and everybody went away rubbing their bellies with utmost satisfaction. But after some years, there was a sharp decline in scale, and gradually, in place of goats, pumpkins were offered and made into a squishy curry. A curious neighbour ventured to ask, "How is it, sir, that your sacrifice has become such a simple affair?" The man glared at the neighbour for asking what should have been obvious. "Don't you see," he snapped, "that my teeth have gone?"

I'll conclude with a personal favourite about God's existence. Some say that since 'science' does not mention it, God cannot exist, right? The parable goes that a man told another man, "Two days ago, I saw a house fall down with a terrific crash." The other man said, "Just a moment, I'll check." He looked at the newspaper and did not see it reported. "It's not in the paper, so I don't believe you," he scoffed.

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Indian interests

Ref: *Trump's MAGA meets Modi's Vishwaguru* (Jan 19). Trump's return to power has stirred a hornet's nest of reactions all over the world. Though his MAGA mission has become a powerful agenda, the congruence between rhetoric and action needs to evaluated practically. India should be alert and ensure our interests are served well through effective diplomacy and the bonhomie between Modi and Trump.
Rajarao Kumar, Bengaluru

Gaza breakthrough

The breakthrough ceasefire deal between Israel and Iran-backed terrorist outfit Hamas has materialised on account of hectic efforts of the USA and Arab mediators. Temporary relief will be available from the months-long blood-shedding. The release of hostages must be done in the first phase. Israel is a reality Arabs must honour. Similarly, Israel must respect genuine rights of Palestinians.
B. Veerakumaran Thampi, Kottam

Timely pay

Ref: *Salary delays force interest miseries on government employees* (Jan 19). Delaying salaries of government employees leads to paying more interest on EMIs and delays in monthly payments and expenses. The government must ensure timely payment of salaries so that employees and their families are not inconvenienced.
G. K. Chandrasekhar, Tumkur

Harsh punishment

Ref: *Rape-murder accused in RG Kar case guilty: Court* (Jan 19). The perpetrator of this horrific crime is not human, but the Devil incarnate. This repugnant and abominable act has numbed the conscience of the entire nation. The court must mete out the maximum punishment, which must be a deterrent to such evil-minded persons.
Dr. Biju C Mathew, Thiruvananthapuram

Root cause

Ref: *Rape-murder accused in RG Kar case guilty: Court* (Jan 19). Death for rapists has a nice, populist ring, that will not solve India's rape crisis. Tougher punishments, including death, play a role in assuaging public anger but do nothing to address the root cause of the problem which is a sense of impunity with which crimes against women are committed and still go unchecked.
Aditya Kamble, Kalaburagi

ONOE beneficial

One is at a loss to understand how ONOE would lead to one-party rule. Polling from 1952 to 1967 was on ONOE basis and no accusation of totalitarianism was raised then.
Venkat Desikan, Chennai

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Amit Shah @AmitShah
As a disaster response force, the NDRF has evolved into the most trustworthy companion, not only for the citizens of Bharat but also for people across the world.

Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi
Today, the Modi govt has turned its back on the poor and working class and has completely left them to their own devices. The govt's entire focus is on enriching only a select few capitalists.

Jawhar Sircar @jawharsircar
Loot must have some limits! Imagine, BJP-led Maharashtra govt buys trolley bags at ₹10,000 per bag! Are they gold-plated? ₹82 LAKH!

Garcetti at final meet with PM: 'India-US ties at peak'

Says what was unthinkable a generation ago will be indispensable soon

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

WHAT was seen as unthinkable a generation ago will seem as indispensable a generation from now, said outgoing US ambassador to India Eric Garcetti on Sunday, reflecting on the ties between the two countries after his farewell meet with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Garcetti on Sunday called on Modi with his family for a 'final' meeting and later said the "compelling and consequential" partnership between the two countries has reached new heights due to the efforts of Indian Prime Minister and the outgoing President Joe Biden.

Garcetti had taken over as the 26th US Ambassador to India on March 15, 2023.

His meeting with PM Modi came a day before Donald Trump's inauguration as America's 47th President of the United States. Garcetti, like some of his predecessors, is a political appointee to the post.

In a post on social media platform X, Garcetti wrote, "Had a great final visit with PM Modi with my family. It's clear that he and President Biden have raised our compelling and consequential US-India partnership to new heights — record visas, record trade, record defence collaboration, record space cooperation, record students, record investments..."

He expressed his gratitude to Modi and the people of India for their warm hospitality and underlined that the US-India partnership has become indispensable and will continue to grow in the coming years.

"What was seen as unthinkable a generation ago will seem as indispensable a generation from now, thanks to the work of these leaders and the people of our nations. Thank you Prime Minister and thank you to all Indians. It's been a daily joy to help co-write this chapter with you," he added.

US Ambassador Eric Garcetti meets PM Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Sunday | PTI

'US opened its second ever consulate in India'

Earlier, Eric Garcetti highlighted the rich history of US-India relations, dating back to 1776 when the US opened its second-ever consulate in Kolkata. He noted that the recent inauguration of the US Consulate office in Bengaluru marks an expansion of the US presence in India, rather than a new beginning. External Affairs Minister Jaishankar has also announced that India will open its Consulate in Los Angeles.

EC harnessed tech power to boost democracy: Modi

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday lauded the Election Commission of India (EC) for its efforts in modernising and strengthening the country's electoral process, as well as harnessing technology to empower people in exercising their voting rights.

Speaking during his monthly radio programme Mann ki Baat, Modi said, "I would like to thank the Election Commission, which has modernised and strengthened our voting process from time to time. The commission has used the power of technology to give more power to the power of people."

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> Narendra Modi, PM

Continuing his address, the Prime Minister praised the EC for ensuring free and fair elections. "I congratulate the Election Commission for its commitment to fair elections. I would like to urge the countrymen to use their right to vote, always, in maximum numbers and also become a part of the country's democratic process and strengthen this process," he said.

Noting that the EC was established on January 25, 1950, Modi expressed gratitude to the framers of the Constitution. He emphasized the important role accorded to the Election Commission and public participation in democracy. "When the first elections were held in the country in 1951-52, some people were doubtful whether the country's democracy would survive. But our democracy proved all the apprehensions wrong. After all, India is the mother of democracy," he said.

Notably, the PM's remarks come amidst Opposition parties questioning the integrity of EVMs.

Highlighting the significance of this year's Republic Day, Modi asserted, "This year marks the 75th anniversary of the Indian Republic. I salute all those great personalities of the Constituent Assembly, who gave us our sacred Constitution. Their discussions are our great heritage."

INSIDER TRACK

What ticks in Manohar Lal Khattar's favour as next BJP president face

Manohar Lal Khattar could be the top contender for the next BJP president for several reasons. He kicked off his political career by joining the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) as a permanent member in 1977, sticking with it for 17 years before joining the BJP in 1994. Fast forward to 2014, Khattar debuted as an MLA, and BJP chose him to be the Chief Minister of Haryana. After a solid decade of leading the state, in March 2024, he handed over the reins to his close ally Nayab Singh Saini, making way for himself to enter the Lok Sabha. His first attempt at the general elections was a resounding success — he won the Karnal seat by a massive margin of over 2.35 lakh votes, leaving Congress's Divyanshu Budhiraja in the dust. Many also say Khattar shares a strong bond with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, having worked together in the party's organisational wing back in the 1990s.

PT Usha, sports ministry locked in combat over 'Kalaripayattu'

The ongoing clash between the legendary Indian athlete and president of the Indian Olympic Association, PT Usha, and the Union Sports Ministry has been either making headlines or part of the corridor talks recently. The latest issue revolves around including Kalaripayattu, a martial art from PT Usha's home state of Kerala, in the upcoming National Games in Uttarakhand starting January 28. Usha, who remained firm on the matter, even told some delegates from Kerala that as the president of the Indian Olympic Association, she couldn't think from a state-specific perspective. This came despite Kerala's impressive performance at the last National Games in Goa, winning 19 golds, two silvers, and one bronze. Usha didn't budge despite nudges from the Sports Ministry. The situation escalated when Harshita Yadav, a Kalaripayattu practitioner from Haryana and a student of Delhi University, approached the Delhi High Court, which ruled in favour of reinstating Kalaripayattu as a competitive event. Harshita had trained under Dr PB Sumesh, a Malayali and Vice-President of the Indian Kalaripayattu Federation. The Indian Olympic Association is under pressure to either comply with the court's order or challenge it in a higher court before the Prime Minister inaugurates the event on January 28.

Rare recognition for Jaishankar at ambassadors' meet in Madrid

This moment stood out as quite unique in the realm of diplomacy, where optics matter a lot. External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar received the rare honour of addressing the 9th Annual Conference of Ambassadors, organised by Spain's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Madrid. Typically, such meetings are reserved for internal discussions among heads of missions and with their ministers and leadership. Jaishankar's official visit to Spain on January 13-14, 2025, marked his first trip to Madrid as Minister, and it was undoubtedly a befitting honour.

Govt may table waqf Bill during budget session after JPC submits report

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE Centre is likely to introduce the contentious Waqf Amendment Bill during the Budget session, scheduled to begin on January 31 and continue with recesses till April 4.

The Bill, under review by the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC), is expected to conclude discussions with stakeholders, parties, and other organisations to achieve a consensus, sources said.

JPC chairman Jagdambika Pal and other members recently visited Patna where organisations, including minority groups, submitted memorandums. "We need to submit our report during the Budget session, so time is running out," Pal told a news agency in Patna.

Sources indicate that the government is expediting formalities to table the Bill after getting the JPC report, expected to be submitted during the session after extensive consultations. "Preparations are on for the Bill's introduction in the Budget session. Recently, JPC chairman Pal acknowledged limited time to finalise and submit the report before the session," a senior BJP said Sunday, wishing not to be named.

The Bill has invoked widespread debate, with the asserting that its aim is to streamline waqf property administration and enhance transparency.

Opposition parties have expressed concerns about potential overreach, suggesting that the proposed changes may affect the autonomy of waqf boards and community asset management. The government maintains that the amendments are intended to modernise the Waqf Act and address governance loopholes.

Consultations

The JPC on Waqf Bill has held 34 meetings in Delhi and interacted with over 204 delegations and stakeholders. "The government could have passed the amendment Bill in both Houses, but priority was given to ensuring transparency and a comprehensive report," said JPC chairman Jagdambika Pal.

Maritime drill in Indian Ocean on as Quad foreign ministers set to meet

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

WHILE the maritime forces of the Quad nations are together exercising in the Indian Ocean as part of a multinational exercise, the foreign ministers of India, Australia and Japan are expected to meet a day after Donald Trump takes oath as the 47th US President on January 20.

The Indian Navy's indigenously designed and built guided missile destroyer, INS Mumbai, is participating in the fourth edition of the multinational exercise, La Perouse. It is a France-led biennial multinational maritime exercise.

Elaborating on its participation, the Indian Navy said, "The exercise showcases the high levels of synergy, coordination and interoperability between the like-minded navies and their commitment to a rules-based international order in the maritime domain."

It added, "This edition will witness participation of personnel, and surface and sub-surface assets from maritime partners including Royal Australian Navy, French Navy, Royal Navy, United States Navy, Indonesian Navy, Royal Malaysian Navy, Republic of Singapore Navy and Royal Canadian Navy."

Enhancing cooperation

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The exercise provides an opportunity for like-minded navies to develop closer links in planning, coordination and information sharing for enhanced tactical interoperability. The exercise will witness complex and advanced multi-domain exercises including surface warfare, anti-air warfare, air-defence, cross deck landings and tactical manoeuvres, as also the constabulary missions such as VBSS (Visit, Board, Search and Seizure) operations.

This visit is in consonance with India's vision of Security and Growth for All in the Region to enhance maritime cooperation and collaboration for a safer and secure Indo-Pacific region, comprising the Indian Ocean, Pacific Ocean and the surrounding landmasses.

China has been raising caution viewing Quad as a countervailing grouping against it.

This newspaper reported earlier quoting late General Bipin Rawat, the first Chief of Defence Staff who said, "...the Quad is specifically a strategic partnership between four nations for freedom of navigation and disaster mitigation and ecological changes that are happening. But to be able to support each other, firstly we need to understand each other."

Thermal cameras, canines aid BSF at Bangla border

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

AMID the ongoing political turmoil in Bangladesh, the Border Security Force (BSF) is not only ensuring 24x7 forward patrolling, it has also been using the latest technology like handheld thermal imaging system and trained dogs, to prevent any infiltration from the neighbouring country, officials said on Sunday.

They said that the latest tech support to nab intruders is now with BSF's 102 Battalion, which guards borders in West Bengal's Basirhat, where a little less than the half of 33 km borders is fenced.

The border guarding force now has hand-held thermal imaging cameras to ensure no infiltration takes place even in the night time, when the visibility is very less, the officials said, adding that the camera systems allow ground troops to detect differences in temperature between "inanimate objects and enemy forces".

These devices collect infrared radiation in the camera's field of vision and use it to create an image, as they said the cameras "are especially useful during heavy fog as well as for night patrolling".

Apart from the cameras, night-vision devices are also being used to keep vigil at the border, officials said.

"As one walks beside the partially fenced border, one can see a special net that has been attached to it. The net, placed across the fenced area, ensures that no one can throw anything from the other side of the border," a senior officer said.

Not only jawans, but patrolling dogs too play their part in keeping vigil, as Max, a 21-month-old German Malinois, who has a master handler, alerts jawans about suspicious activity from across the border, the officials said, adding that the canine had thwarted several cross-border smuggling and infiltration bids.

"Another step taken by the BSF is to start biometric authentication in the land patches outside the fenced area. Villagers who wish to go to their land for farming now need to provide their biometric details, which are matched with records before allowing them to pass through," the officer said.

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Detained 900 Bangladeshis and Rohingyas from 2021-24, says RPF

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE Railway Protection Force (RPF) officially claimed on Sunday that it has detained over 900 Bangladeshi nationals and Rohingyas from railway areas between 2021 and 2024. These individuals were handed over to the relevant authorities for further legal action.

According to the RPF, a total of 916 people were detained during this period, including 586 Bangladeshi nationals and 318 Rohingyas.

"In June and July 2024, the RPF apprehended 88 Bangladeshi and Rohingyas migrants in areas under the Northeast Frontier Railway. Some of these individuals confessed to entering India illegally and were intercepted while travelling by train to destinations such as Kolkata," the RPF said in a statement.

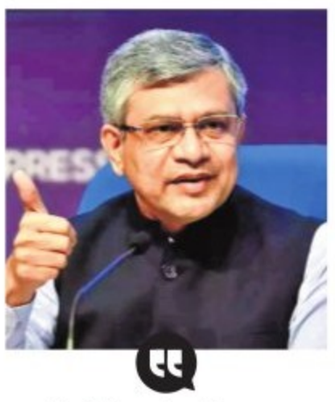
Global leaders keen on India's growth story: Vaishnaw ahead of Davos visit

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

UNION Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Sunday highlighted the significant global interest in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's economic policies, which are set to take centre-stage during discussions at the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos.

In his departure statements to Davos, Vaishnaw, who is heading the Indian delegation at the prestigious annual WEF meeting starting Monday, said that the international community is particularly keen to learn about India's growth narrative, especially its digital transformation and the innovative digital architecture under the "Digital India" programme.

"At the World Economic Forum in Davos, there is considerable interest in understanding our thought process, the Prime Minister's economic policy, the digital transformation, and the way India has created a new digital architecture under the "Digital India" programme. Additionally, there is a great deal of curiosity about how technology has been democratized in India," Vaishnaw remarked.



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>
> Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union minister

He further mentioned that the discussions would delve into themes such as inclusive growth, investments in social, physical, and digital infrastructure, and the democratisation of technology.

"The Prime Minister has placed immense emphasis on inclusive development — growth that transforms the lives of people at the bottom of the pyramid, individuals who were historically left out of development efforts. Whether it involves opening bank accounts, providing toilets, gas connections, tap water supply, or building basic infrastructure in villages and urban areas — this is the kind of development story the world is eager to comprehend," the Union minister elaborated.

Vaishnaw further said that India's efforts in building equitable infrastructure have become a global case study.

The Indian delegation also includes Union ministers CR Patil, K Ram Mohan Naidu, Chirag Paswan, and Jayant Chaudhary. Additionally, prominent state leaders such as Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, Telangana CM Revanth Reddy, and his Andhra Pradesh counterpart Chandrababu Naidu will participate in the discussions.

REBELS KILLED

CPI (Maoist) has issued a statement claiming that they lost their 18 cadres, including senior leader Damodar, in the Bijapur encounter on January 16. Damodar alias Choka Rao was carrying a reward of Rs 50 lakh on his head

1515 BOOTHS SET UP IN UTTARAKHAND FOR LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	32	17	Mumbai	34	18
Bhopal	28	11	Panaji	30	22
Jaipur	26	14	Patna	22	11
Amritsar	20	08	Lucknow	25	13
Chennai	29	22	Port Blair	30	24
Kolkata	25	15	Imphal	26	04
Srinagar	06	-02	Chandigarh	22	08

No casualties reported; fire tenders, emergency forces deployed

Fire at Maha Kumbh after cylinder blast guts 40 tents

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

A major fire broke out on Sunday in the Mahakumbh area of Prayagraj on Sunday, police said, adding that there was no report of any casualty.

The fire, which engulfed 40 tents in Sector 19, was triggered by a gas cylinder leak, which led to a series of explosions from the gas cylinders.

"Two cylinders exploded in Sector 19 of the Maha Kumbh Mela, causing a massive fire in the camps." Akhara Police Station In-charge Bhaskar Mishra said.

Firefighters were pressed into service to douse the blaze, he added.

Visuals from the site showed plumes of smoke emerging. Upon receiving information, fire tenders reached the spot, and extinguished the flames.

Members of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) personnel were also present on the site.

Chief Fire Officer RK Pandey said efforts were underway to douse the flames. The Maha Kumbh began on January 13 and will continue until February 26. As of January 18, more than 77.2 million pilgrims have taken a dip at the Sangam Triveni during the Maha Kumbh 2025. No casualty was reported and firemen had controlled the fire, he added.

People remove gas cylinders after fire broke out in a camp at Sangam | PTI

UP CM Yogi Adityanath, who had conducted an aerial survey of the Maha Kumbh area in the morning, rushed senior officials to the affected Sector 19. Besides, Fire brigade, teams of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and SDRF were already on the incident site engaged in relief and rescue work.

It was the seventh day of the world's biggest religious congregation of humanity. Ruling out casualties or injuries, Prayagrak DM Ravindra Kumar Mandar said that he got the information about the fire at the Gita Press tent in Sector 19 around 4:30 pm.

"As the fire broke out in Geeta press tent, it spread to 10 adjacent tents of Praygawal. The fire, teams along with police and district administration officials, rushed to the site and extinguished the flames promptly. There have been no fatalities or injuries, and the situation is normal and well under control," said the DM.

Notably, four articulating water towers (AWT) equipped with advanced features have been installed in the area.

Gunfight breaks out in Baramulla, first this year

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

A gunfight between security forces and terrorists broke out on Sunday in Sopore area of Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district, the first encounter this year.

A police official said a contingent of police, CRPF and army launched a joint cordon and search operation in Gujarpattu-Zaloora area of Sopore after receiving inputs about the presence of terrorists.

The security men laid siege to the village in the afternoon and sealed all the entry and exit points to prevent the escape of the terrorists. The police official said during the search operation, security forces busted a terrorist hideout. "There was firing from terrorists. The fire was observed from inside the hide-out," he said, adding security men also retaliated.

Sources said security men have encircled the hideout. The drones are also used for aerial surveillance. They said security agencies have got information that two to three terrorists are hiding inside the hideout.

Additional troops have been rushed to the area to tighten the siege and prevent terrorists from escaping the area. J&K had witnessed dozens of encounters last year in which many terrorists, including Pakistan nationals, and security men were killed.

Mysterious illness toll rises to 17, Centre's team reaches Rajouri

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

A high-level inter-ministerial team formed by Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday visited J&K's Rajouri district where a mysterious illness is wreaking havoc, killing another person in Budhal village and taking the death toll to 17.

A family on Sunday lost the last surviving and sixth child to the mysterious illness in Budhal, while a new graveyard has come up in the remote village for the victims.

Dr Ashutosh Gupta, principal of Government Medical College in Jammu, said, "Yasmin Kousar (15), daughter of Mohammad Aslam, died at SMGS hospital." Aslam has buried all his dead children, including two sons and three daughters, in the new graveyard. "The body of Yasmin, who died on Sunday, will also be buried in a newly set up graveyard," a local villager said.

Shah on Saturday ordered the constitution of the team to ascertain the causes of deaths that took place within weeks in three families linked to each other in the remote village. "Team members talked to local medical and health experts to know the medical history of the victims," a source said.

With the health experts clueless, the government has ordered police investigation into the deaths. The Special Investigation Team (SIT) formed by police has sealed houses of three affected families for investigations. The samples have been taken from the three houses for further analysis.

The SIT also visited many chemist shops near the village and adjoining areas, from where the victims' families had purchased medicines. "The SIT is investigating all angles," a police officer said.

"J&K health department and other departments probed the deaths but the exact cause has not been found yet," Lt Governor Manoj Sinha told reporters.

The central team will work in collaboration with the local administration to provide immediate relief to the victims.

JAIPUR DIARY

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Rajasthan CM turns globetrotter

Political corridors in Rajasthan are buzzing that CM Bhajanlal has become a globe-trotter. On the latest trip, the Chief minister took a holy dip in Kumbh Mela, which is currently the centre of global attention and prayed for the welfare of the state. Just a day earlier, Bhajan was spotted at a couple of events in Bangalore where he reportedly tried to woo non-resident Rajasthanis to come and invest in Rajasthan. In the last few months, the CM has already travelled to several countries — from Japan and Korea to the UK and Germany in a bid to mobilise investments for the state.

Harassment charges against engg dept chief

The chief of an engineering department in Rajasthan has sparked row. He has reportedly been misbehaving with women engineers in the department. According to sources in the administrative set-up in Jaipur, several women engineers have lodged a written complaint with Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, claiming that the engineering head is sending them objectionable messages and making calls asking for undue favours. The women have also alleged that when they do not respond positively to the overtures, they are harassed even more.

Suspense over Kirodi Lal Meena persists

Mystery over state agriculture minister Kirodi Lal Meena continues to fox political circles. It has been over two months since his brother lost in Dausa Assembly bypoll, but Meena is yet to resume his duties. His latest statement that his brother lost the election due to internal sabotage has got many in the BJP discussing his political antics. Meena submitted his resignation after the BJP faced a setback in the Lok Sabha election in his area last June. But the resignation, submitted last August, has yet to be accepted. Now, a new year has dawned, but there is no clarity on whether the tribal strongman will remain in or out of the cabinet.

Suspected hooch claims six lives in 'dry' Bihar

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

PTI FILE REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE

AT least six people died allegedly after consuming spurious liquor in Bihar's West Champaran district during 36 hours on Sunday. The incident has put senior officials of the district on their toes due to the liquor ban in the state.

The tragedy struck at Mathia village under Lauria police station limits. Initially, 35-year-old Pradip Gupta died allegedly after consuming spurious liquor on Friday night. The next day, five others, including Suresh Choudhary (42), Manish Choudhary (22), Neyaz Shah (25) and Shiv Ram (60), died.

The relatives of the sixth victim, however, cremated the body before the arrival of police to the village on Sunday. Locals said all the deceased belonging to Mathia village were addicted to alcohol and used to consume the banned material even after protests from their family members.

Surya Prakash Gupta, subdivisional officer (SDO) of Lauria, said the administration got information about the death of six people at Mathia village under mysterious circumstances. Subsequently, a medical team was dispatched to the village.

"The cause of death of the victims will be ascertained after post-mortem. A medical team has been sent to the affected village for investigation. The report of the medical team is awaited," SDO Gupta said, adding that further action will be initiated on the findings of the medical team.

In October last year, 47 people died after consuming illicit liquor in Saran, Siwan and Gopalganj districts. The next month, another hooch claimed two lives in Begusarai district.

Prohibition came into effect in Bihar in October 2016. Under the new prohibition policy, manufacturing, consumption, storage and sale is completely banned in the state.

Love affairs key reason for Kota suicides: Minister

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

DAYS after another student suicide in Kota, Rajasthan's Education Minister Madan Dilawar made a rather curious and controversial statement.

Minister Dilawar, known for making provocative remarks, claimed that 'love affairs' between students are also a prime factor behind the student suicides that have rocked Kota in recent years. He also advised parents to keep a close watch on their children's activities to prevent them from going astray and taking the tragic step of committing suicide.

The minister's comment comes in a month when Kota has witnessed three student suicides, and the country's coaching hub is losing significant revenue due to the rising number of student suicides in recent years.

"In some cases of suicide, it has been seen that there is also an angle of a love affair. Therefore, parents should keep an eye on the daily activities of their children," asserted Madan Dilawar as he advised parents to take care and closely monitor their children's activities.

After mishap, Assam launches drive to seal illegal rat-hole mines

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

ASSAM government has launched a drive to seal all rat-hole coal mines.

The action followed the January 6 tragedy at a 300 ft deep rat-hole coal mine in Dima Hasao district. Till now, bodies of four miners have been recovered, while five others are believed to be still trapped.

The incident was caused by flooding. The water could not be pumped out entirely as the mine is connected to some water sources.

Recently, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma stated that the government detected 220 rat-hole coal mines in the area. He had also said the state's Mines and Minerals Department would take steps to close all existing rat-hole mines wherever they are found.

Dima Hasao SP Mayank Kumar Jha told this newspaper on Sunday that a massive drive has been initiated on the direction of the DGP to seal all the rat-hole mines.

"We've begun the process. (However) it will take time. For now, we are restricting access to such mines," the SP said.

The step follows January 6 tragedy at a coal mine in Dima Hasao district | PTI FILE

Jan 6 tragedy in Dima Hasao district

The incident occured at a 300 ft deep rat-hole coal mine in Dima Hasao district. Till now, bodies of four miners have been recovered, while five others are believed to be still trapped. The mishap happened due to flooding. The water could not be pumped out entirely as the mine is connected to some water sources.

Altogether, 11 persons have been arrested so far in connection with the case.

Meanwhile, the authorities sealed 13 illegal rat-hole mines in the Margherita area of upper Assam's Tinsukia district bordering Arunachal Pradesh. Four workers were arrested and an excavator and other equipment were seized during the operation which was launched on January 18.

According to sources, the illegal miners were using an abandoned office of Coal India Limited. They also managed to get an electricity connection.

Coal mine tragedies are common in the Northeast. High daily wages, which could go up to ₹2,500, draw the poor miners to these mines.

AIR to help mitigate man-animal conflicts in MP

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

COUNTRY'S public radio broadcaster, the All India Radio (AIR-Akashvani) has a new role to play in Madhya Pradesh – alerting people about movement of wild animals, including elephants, tigers and leopards to prevent human-animal conflicts and related casualties.

The AIR-Shahdol has started alerting and educating the villagers in Shahdol, Umaria and Anuppur districts, not just about movement of elephants, tigers and leopards, but also on the do's and don'ts on encountering them.

Such alerts and audio clips developed with the state forest department's help are being interspersed with popular programs, particularly music and farmers-oriented programs.

This development is inspired by similar AIR services in adjoining Chhattisgarh about the movement of elephants. The Chhattisgarh initiative that has drastically reduced human-elephant conflicts had been applauded by the PM Narendra Modi also.

According to forest department sources, the alerts through the AIR is just one component of a detailed wild elephants and their habitat management plan, which is being formulated for monitoring the elephant movements and measures to mitigate human-elephant conflicts.

This development is inspired by similar AIR services in Chhattisgarh about the movement of elephants | PTI FILE (REPRESENTATIVE)

There are around 100 elephants moving in jungles of eastern MP, including around 60 in BTR, around 20 in the Sanjay Tiger Reserve, 18 strong herd in the Beohari forest area of Shahdol district and 2-3 tuskers in Anuppur districts.

Dr Bikram Singh, Director, Meteorological Department

The AIR alerts started following a workshop on human-animal conflicts at the Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve (BTR) in December 2024. Efforts are now on to make it a regular feature of Akashvani programs in other districts as well, such as Sidhi, Singrauli, Satna and Maihar, whose forest areas and villages located close to these areas fall on the route through which the elephants have been travelling in MP, after entering from the neighbouring Chhattisgarh.

The AIR-Ambikapur, along with the radio service in Raipur, Raigarh and Bilaspur, have been successfully broadcasting the special bulletins about jumbo herd movements in Chhattisgarh since past many years, programming head of AIR-Shahdol centre Avinash Diwakar told this newspaper on Sunday.

According to chief conservator of forests (CCF) of Shahdol Circle Ajay Kumar Pandey, "Though the initiative is new, it would start delivering results on the ground, once it becomes a formal daily feature in the near future. We already have WhatsApp groups at Range and village levels, where all stakeholders of various departments and villages, including the Hathi Mitras are already being alerted about elephant and other wild animal movements."

C'garh to develop marine fossil park at 280-mn yr-old fossil site

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

CHHATTISGARH'S Manendragarh district is poised to attract history enthusiasts and geologists with the discovery of a 280-million-year-old marine fossil site along the Hasdeo river. Inspired by the findings, the state government has announced plans to transform the site into a marine fossil park.

The fossil site was first identified by structural geologist SK Ghosh in 1954. In 2015, experts from the Birbal Sahni Institute of Paleo Sciences (BSIP), Lucknow, confirmed the importance of the fossils.

"Acknowledging its scientific value, the Geological Survey of India (GSI) designated the site as a national geological monument in 1982, recognising its contribution to understanding the Earth's ancient history," a state government spokesperson said. "The government's decision to develop this site into a marine fossil park is expected to attract tourists and scientists from around the world. The park will serve as a biodiversity heritage site, offering a unique opportunity to explore the story of the Earth's evolution and the ancient organisms that once lived here," he added.

Researchers will have access to the site for scientific studies, while visitors can explore opportunities to learn about the ancient history of marine life. The findings of fossiliferous marine fauna suggest the massive expanse of salt water covering the earth surface in this part of the state.

The Chhattisgarh government is working closely with teams from the GSI, Kolkata, and the BSIP to assess the site's potential, officials said.

Scientists are of the opinion that 280 million years ago, the region where the Hasdeo river is located was covered by a massive glacier.

As geological changes took place, this region became a part of the 'Tethys sea', allowing marine life to enter. While these species became extinct, their preserved fossils continue to provide insights into the history of life on the Earth.

Throwing insights into Earth's ancient history

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Celebrations begin in Washington as Trump set to be sworn in today

Thousands of protesters rally on the streets of the capital for women's reproductive rights and other causes they believe are under threat

WASHINGTON

DONALD Trump returned to Washington to celebrate with family, supporters and political allies ahead of his second inauguration, a triumphant return for the Republican four years after he departed the city under the shadow of an attack by his supporters on the Capitol.

Trump marked his return to power with a celebration at his Trump National Golf Club in Sterling, Virginia.

He addressed the crowd, giving shoutouts to Virginia Gov Glenn Youngkin, Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, and declaring his Mideast envoy Steve Witkoff a "great negotiator." Witkoff this past week helped negotiate a ceasefire deal between Israel and Hamas that's scheduled to take effect on Sunday.

Soon after his remarks, Trump stepped out onto a clubhouse balcony while guests gathered on the patio below him for a fireworks display and performance by tenor Christopher Macchio.

Trump returned to Washington as organizers of Monday's Inauguration Day ceremony were scrambling to move inside most of the outdoor events, including the swearing-in of president and vice president that traditionally takes place on the steps of the US Capitol, due to forecasted frigid temperatures.

It will be the first time since President Ronald Reagan took the oath of office in 1985 for his second term that the ceremony will be moved inside the US Capitol.

Trump made his way from West Palm Beach, Florida, with his wife Melania Trump and their son Barron aboard a US military C-32 aircraft on a flight dubbed Special Air Mission 47 — a nod to Trump becoming the 47th president on Monday.

It's a courtesy that's traditionally been extended by the outgoing administration to the incoming one. Trump did not make a government plane available to President Joe Biden ahead of his inauguration in 2021, and instead the Democrat flew to Washington on a privately chartered aircraft.

As his motorcade neared his golf club for Saturday's celebration, he was greeted by dozens of well-wishers who gathered along the roadside and chanted "Trump" and "USA, USA!"

Meanwhile, thousands of people from around the United States rallied in the nation's capital for women's reproductive rights and other causes they believe are under threat from the incoming Trump administration, reprising the original Women's March days before President-elect Donald Trump's second inauguration.

Eight years after the first historic Women's March at the start of Trump's first term, marchers said they were caught off guard by Trump's victory and are determined now to show that support remains strong for women's access to abortion, for transgender people, for combating climate change and other issues. *AP*

Donald Trump and Melania watch fireworks at Trump National Golf Club in Sterling | AP

Trump wants to visit China, India: Report

Donald Trump wants to travel to China after he takes office as part of his effort to deepen relations with Beijing, and also has talked to advisors about a visit to India, The Wall Street journal reported. The President-elect has told advisors he wants to travel to China after he takes office, according to people familiar with the discussions, seeking to deepen a relationship with Xi Jinping. Trump has also spoken to advisers about a possible trip to India, the financial daily said on Sunday

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BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II AT BANGALORE
No. 1,Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru- 560 001
O.A. No.778/2021
BETWEEN:
CANARA BANK ...Applicant
And
Sri V. P Gopal ...Defendants
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF DRT PROCEDURE (REGULATION) RULES 1993
To:
Sri V. P. Gopal. S/o. Sri M. Keshavan, Proprietor, M/s. G. S. Furnitures, No. 758, 7th Cross, 7th Main, Srinagar, Bangalore - 560 085.
Whereas, the above named applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against you for the recovery of sum mentioned therein together with current and future interest and other reliefs.
You are hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an advocate or an authorised agent duly instructed to show cause within 30 days from the date of this publication or **on 24.02.2025 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **07.01.2025.**
Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II, Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

This Notice is on behalf of my client Mr.CHINNA RAJU.M, S/o.Mr.Murugeshan.C and Mr.RAM PRABHU.M,S/o.Mr.Murugeshan.C. My clients are intending to purchase the property bearing No. 24 Old Khata No.42, New Khata No.55 and 56 formed in former. Survey No.42 (Old), New No.55 and 56, situated atNanjappa Layout, Yelachenahalli village, UttarahalliHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, from its sole ownerMr B.NAGENDRA S/o Mr.Basave Gowda, morefully and particularly described in the schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred as "SCHEDULE".
Therefore any person(s) having any objections, claim, disputes in respect of the above referred Property otherwise claiming, howsoever, are here by requested to make the same known in writing together with supporting documents to the under signed at their office at Land B Assests Marketing, BMTC Shantinagar Bus stand, 'C' block, near Sub Register Office Bengaluru - 560027 within a period of 10 days (both days inclusive) of the publication hereof failing which the claim of such person(s)will deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned,
All that piece and parcel of the residential vacant Site bearing No.24, Old Khata No.42, New Khata No.55 and 56, formed in former Sy No.42 (old), New No.55 and 56, duly converted by the Deputy Commissioner vide order No.OM.NO.B.DIS.ALN: SR. 185/79-80, situated at Yelachenahalli village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South. Taluk, measuring East to West: 30 feet, North to South; 40 feet, in all measuring 1200 Sq.ftand bounded on theas follows:
On or towards the East : Site Bearing No. 23
Onor towards the West : Site Bearing No. 25
Onor towards the North : Road
Onor towards the South : Site Bearing No. 15
Dated: 18th day of January, 2025.
Place: Bangalore
Date: 18/01/2025
Sd/-
For Kavitha.B Associate Advoacte

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II AT BANGALORE
No. 1,Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru- 560 001
O.A. No.315/2022
BETWEEN:
CANARA BANK ...Applicant
And
Smt. Rekha M. ...Defendants
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DRT (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993
To:
Smt. Rekha M., D/o. Sri Munirama Proprietrix, M/s. R & R Paper Cup and Bag Manufacturers, No. 28/8, 9, 10, Opposite Reva University, Muneshwara Layout, Kattigenahalli, Yelahanka, Bengaluru - 560 064
Whereas, the above-named applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against you for the recovery of sum mentioned therein together with current and future interest and other reliefs.
You are hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an advocate or an authorised agent duly instructed to show cause within 30 days from the date of this publication or **on 06.03.2025 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **07.01.2025.**
Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II, Bengaluru

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BANGALORE (DRT-2)
BSNL Building 4th Floor, Telephone House , Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore–560 001.
Case No : O.A. No.1109/2023
Canara Bank, J. P. Nagar 7th Phase Branch, J. P. Nagar 7th Phase, Bengaluru - 560 078, by its Manager
V/s
Sri M. K. Prakash, Proprietor of M/s. Garuda Infotech
SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993, BY WAY OF SUBSTITUTED SERVICE
To: Defendant :
Sri M.K. Prakash S/o. Kantharaja Setty, Aged about 48 years, Proprietor of M/s. Garuda Infotech, No. 61, 6th Main Road, M.S. Ramaiah City, J. P. Nagar 7th Phase, Bengaluru- 560 076 and Residing at : No. 72, "Sumukha Marvel Apartment", Kothanur Dinne, J. P. Nagar 8th Phase, Bengaluru - 560 076. PAN: AKIPP5261G, Mob:No. 7829958687
Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against the Defendant for recovery of sum of **Rs.24,86,791.02 ps** (Rupees Twenty four Lakhs Eighty Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety One and Paise Two Only) mentioned therein together with Current and future interest and other reliefs.
You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this summons on or before **08.05.2025 at 10.30 A.M .** in person or by a Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal on this 30.12.2024
By Order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Signature of the Officer
Authorised to issue Summons
Debts Recovery Tribunal -2, Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sri P.S. Naga Thanmay, S/o P.S.Shashidhara Murthy, R/at No.494, 3rd Main Road, Teachers Colony, near Aranya Hotel, Koramangala, Bangalore 560 034 intend to purchase the schedule property from Sri Sridhara K V, S/o K.C.Venakatesh, R/at No.820, Old AEO Road, Kandavarapete, Ward No.18, Chikkaballapura Taluk and District 562101. Anyone having any claim, objection or any right in the said property may contact the undersigned along with the documents relied upon, within 03 days from the date of this publication, failing which it will be presumed that no one has any claim over the same.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of Residential immovable property being a vacant site bearing No.18 (formed in the Layout in the residentially converted land bearing Sy No.12/1 of Balagere Village approved by Chikkaballapura Urban Development Authority), situated at Balagere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chikkaballapura Taluk and District, measuring East to west 30 feet, North to South 40 feet totally measuring 1200 square feet and bounded by:
EAST by : Site No.17
WEST by : 9 Meters Road,
NORTH by : Site No.13
SOUTH by : 9 Meters Road
Sd/- **K.S. RAGHAVENDRA,**
M/s LAW ASSOCIATES, Advocates No. 40/2, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, Achaiah Setty Layout, RMV Extension, Bangalore-560 080. Phone: 9845219783

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client have negotiated with the owners 1. Sri. Pachasab; 2. Smt. Fahmeedabi w/o. Pachasab; 3. Sri. Huzear Ahamed S/o. Pachasab; 4. Sri. Nadeem Ahamed. P S/o. Pachasab, residing at No.183, Islampur, Dargajogihalli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural Dist. entered into sale deed to purchase the property which is more fully described in the schedule herein given below.
Any persons claiming with regard to the Schedule Property or any part thereof should write to the undersigned within **7 (seven) days** from the date of publication of this Public Notice with Documentary Proof on which they have based their claim, failing which it is deemed that there is no impediment to complete the sale and my clients will proceed, on the basis, that there are no claims of whatsoever nature.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the Immovable Property being Agricultural Land bearing Old **Sy.No.199 . New Sy No.199/4 measuring 0-35 guntas MR.No.T28/2024-25 dated.12-11-2024**, situated at **SHIVAPURA** Village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, together with all appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the: **East by :** Ravi Property; **West by :** Property of Sy No.198 & 201; **North by :** Property bearing Sy No.199/3; **South by :** Ramesh Property.
Date : 20-01-2025
P.N. RAMAKRISHNAPPA
M.HEMAVATHI ADVOCATES
HRV ASSOCIATES, Office at No.99, First Floor, BGS Layout, Jakkur-Amruthahalli Main Road, Bangalore-64.
Email:hrvassociatesh@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I, Umesh Pandurang Shinde, son of Pandurang Shinde, am the owner of the residential flat mentioned in the schedule described hereunder. This property was bequeathed to me by my brother, Gopal Pandurang Shinde,son of Pandurang Shinde, via a gift deed dated 07/08/2023 (Document number INR - 06091-2023 - 24.Indira Nagar Registration Office. Bangalore). This was part of afamily settlement, as my brother Gopal Pandurang Shinde and I had purchased the property together. The property was in both our names. Later, he requested me to transfer 50% of my share in the property to his wife,Vandana Gopal Shinde, via a gift deed, committing to a property settlement amount, but he failed to honour his commitment; hence, the recent gift deed was executed for the full value of the property as compensation.
My brother has assured me that the said Residential Flat is free from any encumbrances,lease,lien,or hold and has a clear marketable title. Any persons, institutions, having any right title interest,claim,or demand of anyway of sale, transfer, memorandum of understanding,assignment,possession,succession, encroachment or otherwise any nature whatsoever in respect of the said apartment, is hereby required to make the same known in writing along with the documentary proof in original, thereof within 15 days of this publication of this notice to below address Schedule
All that piece and parcel of Residential Unit bearing No. 21, Vittal Mallya Road (formerly Grant Road), Bangalore, totally measuring 85412 sq ft. or 7938 sq. m, and bounded as follows:
East by : Premises 20,Vittal Mallya Road (formerly Grant Road), and No 25 Lavelle Road
West by : Premises 2/1,22/2,22/3,22/4,Vittal Mallya Road
North by : Vittal Mallya Road
South by : Premises No 23 and 24 Lavelle Road
Dated : 20/01/2025.
Place : Bengaluru
Sd/-
Umesh Pandurang Shinde
Flat No. 2602, 26th Floor,
Herbelia, Acme Ozone,
Ghodbunder Road, Thane West,
Thane, Maharashtra 400607

IN THE COURT OF THE 19th ADDITIONAL CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE BANGALORE
C.Misc. No. 14 /2025
PETITIONER: 1. BHARATHI, W/o Sounder Raj.M, aged about 64 years, R/at. No.45, 2nd Cross, Bhasyam Nagara, Sriram Pura, Bengaluru **-V/s-**
RESPONDENT: The Commissioner, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore
NOTICE
Whereas the petitioner have filed above petition for obtaining death certificate of petitioner husband **SOUNDER RAJ .M,** SON of MURTHY, expired on 15-02-2023 at No.45, 2nd CROSS, BHASYAM NAGARA, SRIRAM PURA, BENGALURU- 560021.
If there are any persons having claim, they may appear before court in person or through pleader on **11-03-2025** at **11.00 A.M** failing which or petition the petition will be disposed of according to law
Given under my hand and seal Court on this 17-01-2025.
By order of the Court, Sheristedar, XIX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate Court, Bengaluru City
Advocate for Petitioner: **Sri. Manjunath**

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I AT BANGALORE
No. 1,Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru- 560 001
O.A. No.1368/2023
BETWEEN:
CANARA BANK ...Applicant
And
Smt. Kausalya Devi ...Defendants
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT No. 2 UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DRT (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993
To:
Smt. Kausalya Devi W/o. Sri Hanuman Ram Chouhan, Proprietrix, M/s. Hemanth Hardware, No. 1, K. T. Ankareddy Complex, Kaggadasapura Main Road, C. V. Raman Nagar, Bangalore - 560 093.
Whereas, the above-named applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against you for the recovery of sum mentioned therein together with current and future interest and other reliefs.
You are hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an advocate or an authorised agent duly instructed to show cause within 30 days from the date of this publication or **on 10.06.2025 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **10.01.2025.**
Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -I, Bengaluru

IN THE COURT OF 4th ADDL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE BANGALORE RURAL DISTRICT AT BANGALORE
P & SC No. 38/2024
BETWEEN: 1. Sri. G. Muddaramaiah, S/o. Late Sri. Ganganna, Aged about 47 years, R/at No. 15, Thattekere, Nidavanda Post, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District - 562 132. **2. Baby Humaith. M,** D/o. Sri. G. Muddaramaiah, Aged 2 years, Rptd. by natural guardian, father namely, Sri. G. Muddaramaiah, R/at No. 15, Thattekere, Nidavanda Post, Nelamangala Taluk Bengaluru Rural District - 562 132. **3. Baby Inchara. M,** D/o. Sri. G. Muddaramaiah Aged 14 years, Rptd. by natural guardian, father namely, Sri. G. Muddaramaiah, R/at No. 15, Thattekere, Nidavanda Post, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District - 562 132 **... PETITIONERS**
AND: NIL ... RESPONDENT
PUBLIC NOTICE
Whereas, the above named petitioners have filed a petition under Section 372 of Indian Succession Act for grant of Succession Certificate in respect of the movables which are more fully described in the Schedule below left behind by the wife of first Petitioner, mother of second petitioner and stepmother of the third Petitioner by name Late Smt. Komala. S. P who expired on 09.04.2024. If any person/persons has any claim/ objection for granting the succession certificate to the aforesaid Petitioners, they might appear in person or by a pleader duly authorised/ instructed and contest the petition before the 4th Additional Senior Civil Judge, Bengaluru Rural District at Bengaluru on before **10-02-2025.**
If there are no claims/objections filed, the Hon'ble Court shall proceed to allow the petition by granting the relief claims therein.
SCHEDULE

Sl No.	Particulars
1.	Family Pension
2.	Death cum Retirement Gratuity
3.	Group Insurance Scheme
4.	Leave Salary
5.	Any Other Benefits

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on 16-01-2025.
By order of the court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Senior civil Judge, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore.
MADHUKAR DESHPANDE
DESHPANDE Advocates
S-2, T-3, T-4, 27/1, Shalimar Plaza, 10th Cross, palace Guttahalli main road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003.

IN THE COURT OF THE 13th ADDITIONAL CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE, BANGALORE
C.Misc. No. 11212/2024
PETITIONER: 1). NAVANEETHA .S.M, -V/s-
RESPONDENT: The Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru
NOTICE
Whereas the petitioner have filed above petition for obtaining death certificate of petitioners father **S.L. MANJUNATH.** SON of LATE LANKA. SHE T. expired on 27-09-2019 at. No.237, VIAYGIRI LAYOUT, NAYANDAHALLI, SERVICE ROAD NAGARBHAVI BENGALURU- 560072.
If there are any persons having claim, they may appear before court in person or through pleader on **05-02-2025** at **11.00 A.M** failing which or petition the disposed of according to law
Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 17-01-2025.
By order of the Court, Sheristedar, XIII Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate Court, Bengaluru City
Advocate for Petitioner: **Sri. Manjunath**

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BANGALORE (DRT-2)
BSNL Building 4th Floor, Telephone House , Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore–560 001.
Case No : O.A. No.323/2024
Canara Bank, J. P. Nagar 7th Phase Branch, J. P. Nagar 7th Phase, Bengaluru - 560 078, by its Manager
V/s
Sri Prakash T., Proprietor of M/s. J. P. Enterprises & Another
SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993, BY WAY OF SUBSTITUTED SERVICE
To: Defendant No.1
Sri Prakash T., S/o. Thimma Shetty, Aged about 58 years, Proprietor of M/s. J. P. Enterprises, No. 77, 9th Main Road, Pal Chinnappa Layout, Bikasipura, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru - 560 111, Ph: 9901230715
Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against the Defendant for recovery of sum of **Rs.21,92,874.08 ps** (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Four and Paise Eight Only) mentioned therein together with Current and future interest and other reliefs.
You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this summons on or before **25.03.2025 at 10.30 A.M .** in person or by a Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal on this 18.11.2024
By Order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Signature of the Officer
Authorised to issue Summons
Debts Recovery Tribunal -2, Bangalore

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1, AT BENGALURU
B.S.N.L. Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajabhavan Road, Bengalore-560001.
O.A. No. 1132/2021
BETWEEN:
UNION BANK OF INDIA
(ARB South) ... Applicant
And
Mr. Sundresh N. R & Others ...Defendants
Summons/notice to Defendants Under Rule 23 (viii) of Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993, By Way of Paper Publication
To,
1. Sri. Sundresh N R S/o Ramegowda M P, Aged about 39 years, No.10083, Sobha Aspire 8th Floor, 10th Block, Nagasandra, Opp. Metro Station, Bangalore-560073.
2. Mr. Savina J S/o Jayaram A T Aged about 29 years No.10083, Sobha Aspire 8th Floor, 10th Block, Nagasandra Opp. Metro Station, Bangalore-560073. **...Defendants**
Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application/ interlocutory application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.78,33,224.49/- (Rupees Seventy Eight Lakhs Thirty Three Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Four and Forty Nine Paisa Only)** together with current and future interest and for other relief.
The above mentioned Defendant (s) is/are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent, in support of his/their defence to show cause within **30 days** from the date of publication or on **01.07.2025 at 10.30 A.M. (forenoon)** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this **17.01.2025.**
By order of the Tribunal
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-1
At Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sri P.S. Chinmay, S/o P.S. Shashidhara Murthy, R/at No.494, 3rd Main Road, Teachers Colony, near Aranya Hotel, Koramangala, Bangalore 560 034 intend to purchase the schedule property from Sri Sridhara K V, S/o K.C.Venakatesh, R/at No.820, Old AEO Road, Kandavarapete, Ward No.18, Chikkaballapura Taluk and District 562101. Anyone having any claim, objection or any right in the said property may contact the undersigned along with the documents relied upon, **within 07 days** from the date of this publication, failing which it will be presumed that no one has any claim over the same.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of Residential immovable property being a vacant site bearing No.13 (formed in the Layout in the residentially converted land bearing Sy No.12/1 of Balagere Village approved by Chikkaballapura Urban Development Authority), situated at Balagere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chikkaballapura Taluk and District, measuring East to west 30 feet, North to South 40 feet totally measuring 1200 square feet and bounded by:
EAST by : Site No.14
WEST by : 9 Meters Road,
NORTH by : 9 Meters Road
SOUTH by : Site No.18
Sd/- **K.S. RAGHAVENDRA,**
M/s LAW ASSOCIATES, Advocates No. 40/2, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, Achaiah Setty Layout, RMV Extension, Bangalore-560 080. Phone: 9845219783

ANDHRA PRADESH CAPITAL REGION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Lenin Centre, Governorpet, Vijayawada - 520 002 (A.P.)
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (N.I.T)
NIT No.: MAU61-USI0HB(SECW)/2/2025-HB, Dt: 17-01-2025
Name of Work: Request for Proposal for Engagement of Project Management Consultant (PMC) for Design & Construction of Civil Structure Legislativc Assembly (B+G+3) building in Amaravati Government Complex, Andhra Pradesh with a tentative EMI of INR. **592.14 crores.**
NIT No.: MAU61-USI0HB(SECW)/3/2025-HB, Dt: 17-01-2025
Name of Work: Request for Proposal for Engagement of Project Management Consultant (PMC) for Design & Construction of Civil Structure High Court (B+G+7) building in Amaravati Government Complex, Andhra Pradesh with a tentative **ECV of INR. 745.95 crores.**
The RFP can be downloaded on AP e-procurement website from **20.01.2025 to 10.02.2025, 14:00 Hrs**. Due date for submission of Bid is **11.02.2025 @ 15.00 Hrs**, Technical bid opening on **11.02.2025 @ 16.00 Hrs**. For further details please refer to **www.apeprocurement.gov.in** and **www.crda.ap.gov.in**
Sd/- Commissioner, APCRDA, Vijayawada

IN THE COURT OF THE XV ADDL CITY CIVIL AND SESSION'S JUDGE AT BENGALURU(CCH-3), O.S.NO.6338/2023
Between: Smt. Susheelamma, W/o.Late.Sri.R.Venkatesh, aged about 60 years, R/at No.80, Pattanagere Gramathana, Near Maramma Temple, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore South Bangalore -560098 & Others ....**Plaintiffs**
AND : **Sri Puttaarasiah & Others** ......**Defendants**
Summons to the following Defendants [Under Order V Rule 20(1A)] of C.P.Code by way of paper publication
02. Sri. Ashwahnarayana .V, S/o. Sri. Puttarasaiah, aged about 56 years, Residents of Pattanagere Gramathana, Near Maramma Temple, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560098.
09. Sri. S. P. Mahadevaiah, S/o. Late. Sri. Shivanna, aged about 68 years, R/at No.229, 1st Main Road, 7th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru - 560034
10. Sri. S.P. Rudrappa, S/o.Late. Sri. Shivanna, aged about 58 years, R/at No.229, 1st Main Road, 7th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru - 560034
11. Sri. S. P. Gurupadaiah, S/o. Late. Sri. Shivanna, aged about 55 years, R/at No.229, 1st Main Road, 7th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru - 560034
12. Sri. S. P. Parameshwaraiah, S/o. Late. Sri. Shivanna, aged about 53 years, R/at No.229, 1st Main Road, 7th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru - 560034
13. Sri. Noorulla Sharief @ Masthan Sharief S/o. Sri. Mohammed Sharief, aged about 56 years, R/at No.19/D, Umar Bagh Layout, J.P.Nagar Post, Bangalore -560078.
18. Mr. Karthik. A, S/o. Sri. Armugam. M aged about 40 years, No.1632, "Eshwari Nilayam" 1st Main, 2nd Cross, 5th Stage, BEML Layout, Rajarajeshwarinagara, Bengaluru - 560098.
19. Mrs. Divya S W/o. Mr. Karthik. A, aged about 32 years, No.1632, "Eshwari Nilayam" 1st Main, 2nd Cross, 5th Stage, BEML Layout, Rajarajeshwarinagara, Bengaluru - 560098
20. Mr. Y. V. V. S. N. Murthy, S/o. Mr. Y. Saibaba, aged about 30 years, R/at: Old No.49, New No.1, Malagala Main Road, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru -560091.
21. Mrs. Sumithra. K. M, W/o. Mr. Y. V. V. S. N. Murthy, aged about 30 years, R/at: Old No.49, New No.1, Malagala Main Road, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru - 91
24. Mr. Mithun. N. K, S/o. Mr. N. C. Kengaramaiah, aged about 32 years, R/at: No.53, Mamatha Mahal, 2nd Floor, 3rd Cross, BEML Layout, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bengaluru - 98.
25. Mrs. Niriksha. S, W/o. Mr. Mithun. N. K, aged about 32 years, R/at: No.53, Mamatha Mahal, 2nd Floor, 3rd Cross, BEML Layout, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bengaluru - 560098.
26. Mr. Pradeep Mudigoudar, S/o. Mr. Ramakrishna Mudigoudar, aged about 38 years, R/at:No.98, 1st Main, 4th Cross, Ranganath Colony, Mysore Road, Bengaluru - 560026.
28. Mr. Shailesh Sheshrao Tayde, S/o. Mr. Sheshrao Mahadevrao Tayde aged about 33 years, R/at: Kumbarpura, At Post, Yeoda Taluk, Daryapur, Yeoda, Amaravathi, Maharastra - 444706.
29. Mrs. Minal Ramdas Khope, W/o. Mr. Shailesh Sheshrao Tayde, aged about 31 years. R/at: Kumbarpura, At Post Yeoda Taluk, Daryapur, Yeoda, Amaravathi, Maharastra - 444706.
30. Mr. Zayeem Sharief, S/o. Mr. Noorulla Sharief @ Masthan Sharief, aged about 21 years, R/at No.19/D, Omar Bagh Layout, J.P. Nagar Post, Bengaluru - 560078.
31. Mrs. Mehnaz Sharief, D/o Mr. Noorulla Sharief @ Masthan Sharief, aged about 22 years, R/at No.19/D, Omar Bagh Layout, J.P. Nagar Post, Bengaluru - 560078.
32. Miss. Dr. Saniya Sharief, D/o. Mr. Noorulla Sharief @ Masthan Sharief, aged about 27 years, R/at No.19/D, Omar Bagh Layout, J.P. Nagar Post, Bengaluru - 560078.
34. Mr. Preetham Gurumurthy, S/o. M. S. Gurumurthy, aged about 42 years, R/at:No.43, Benaka, 3rd Cross, Sharadha layout, Pattaagere, Rajarajeshwarinagara, Bengaluru - 560098.
Take notice that, the Plaintiffs have filed the above suit against all of you and others for passing the Judgment and Decree of partition against the Defendant No.1 to 8 by allotting an half share in favour of Plaintiffs in respect of Schedule 'B' Property and pleased to put them in a separate possession and enjoyment of the same by meets and bounds and other consequential relies as prayed for in the Plaint. **The case stands posted to 25.02.2025 for your appearance. All of you are hereby called upon to appear before the Hon'ble City Civil Judge, Benagluru [CCH-3] on the aforesaid date at 10.45 a.m** either personally or through an Advocate duly instructed, failing which the above suit will be decided in your absence.
Schedule 'A' Property [Entire Land] : All the piece and parcel of the land in Sy. No. 20/4, measuring 1 acre 05 Guntas situated at Pattanagere Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk as more fully described in the sketch appended herewith and marked as **A, B, C, D to A** and bounded on;
Schedule 'B' Property: [Extant of land illegally sold to Defendant No.13 by Defendant no.9 to 12] : All the piece and parcel of the land in Sy.No.20/4, New Sy. No. 20/15, measuring 1 acre out of 1 acre 05 Guntas situated at Pattanagere Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk as more fully described in the sketch appended herewith and marked as **G, J, C, D to G** and bounded on;
Schedule 'C' Property [Extant of vacant Land in Schedule B Property] : All the piece and parcel of the land in Sy.No. 20/4, New Sy. No. 20/15, out of 1 acre situated at Pattanagere Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk as more fully described in the sketch appended herewith and marked in Green color from **G, H, F to G, F, E, D to F and K, J, C, N, M, L to K** bounded on;
Schedule 'D' Property [Extant of illegally developed portion of land in Schedule B Property by constructing the residential apartment] : All the piece and parcel of the land in Sy. No. 20/4, New Sy.No.20/15, out of 1 acre situated at Pattanagere Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk as more fully described in the sketch appended herewith and marked in red color from **H, K, L, M, N, D, E, F to H** bounded on;
Given under my hand and seal of this Court on this day of 9.1.2025.
By Order of Court, **Sd/- Senior Shirestedar,** City Civil Court, Bangalore
Advocate for Plaintiffs: **Mr. Jagannath Rao. A,** Advocate, # M-160, 2nd Floor, L.N. Puram Market Main Road, 3rd Main, Srirampuram, Bengaluru-560 021

POSSESSION NOTICE

WHEREAS, the authorized officer of Jana Small Finance Bank Limited(Formerly known as Janalakshmi Financial Services Limited)., under the Securitization And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act,2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued demand notices to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrower (s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred till the date of payment and/ or realisation.

Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/Time & Type of Possession
1	45348640003502	1) M/s. VHK Enteprises Represented by its Partners **Dr. V.Harshini, Mr. Krishna Raj, 2) M/s. Swasti Hospital** Represented by its Proprietor **Dr. V.Harshini, 3) Mrs. Harshini V** Partner of **M/s. Vhk Enteprises** Proprietor of **M/s. Swasti Hospital,** Also at.... **M/s. Swasti Hospital,** Also at.... **M/s. VHK Enteprises, 4) Mr. Krishna Raj Partner of M/s. VHK Enterprises,** Also at.... **M/s. VHK Enteprises, 5) Dr. Vuppaladadiam Suguna**	**07-11-2024 Rs. 1,43,15,967.55 (Rupees One Crore Forty Three Lakh Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Seven And Fifty Five Paisa Only)** due as on 05-11-2024	**17.01.2025 02:30 PM Symbolic Possession**

Description of the Property:- ITEM NO. 1: All that piece and parcel of the Apartment bearing No. 504, D Block, 5th Floor, "Aqua-1" constructed on the converted land Bering Survey No. 89/1, 92/2 & 105 Ozone Urbana Township, Kannamangala Village, Devanahalli, Bangalore-560067 and **bounded on:-** East **by:** Corridor & Open Space, **West by:** Open Space, **North by:** Open Space & **South by:** Unit D-503. Measurement:- 937 Sq.Ft., Super Built up Area along with Undivided share of land measuring 271 Sq. Ft., out of the total extent measuring Acre 4-26.077 Guntas in the converted land bearing Survey No. 89/1, 92/2 & 105. **ITEM NO.2:** All that piece and parcel of the Apartment bearing No. 502(D-502), D Block, 5th Floor, "Aqua-1" E Khatha No. 150300200400120628, Kannamangala Grama Panchayath, constructed on the converted land bearing Survey No. 89/1, 92/2 & 105. Situated at Kannamangala Village, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore District and **bounded on:- East by:** Unit D-501, **West by:** Open Space, **North by:** Corridor & Open Space, **South by:** Open Space & Unit E-505. Measurement :- 1145 Sq. Ft., Super Built up Area along with Undivided share of land measuring 331 Sq. Ft., out of the total extent measuring Acre 4-26.077 Guntas in the converted land bearing Survey No. 89/1, 92/2 & 105.

Whereas, the Borrowers/Co-borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby is given to the Borrowers mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has taken Possession of the properties/ secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said5 rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrowers/Co-borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors, mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/Secured Assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Bangalore	Sd/- Authorised Officer
Date: 20-01-2025	For. Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A Scheduled Commercial Bank)
Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No. 10/1,11/2 &12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

भारत सरकार - अंतरिक्ष विभाग / GOVERNMENT OF INDIA - DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
निर्माण एवं अनुरक्षण समूह, एसडीएससी-शार / CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GROUP, SDSC-SHAR
श्रीहरिकोटा / नेल्लूर (जिला), आं.प्र. / SRIHARIKOTA - 524124
संक्षिप्त ई–निविदा सूचना / Brief E-TENDER NOTICE
ई–निविदा सूचना सं./ e- Tender Notice No: CMG/C/CON/248734 तिथि/ Date. 16.01.2025
भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से, "एसएसएलवी प्रमोचन परिसर, (एसएलसी), तिरूचेंदूर एवं सतनकुलम तालुक, तूतीकोरिन जिले में एलपीटीएस (सं. 3) एवं एलटीआर के लिए साइट विकास कार्य (उत्खनन मिट्टी कार्य और समतलीकरण) (सिविल कार्य)" (₹ 198 लाख) के लिए ई–निविदा के माध्यम से मद दर निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदा दस्तावेज **10.02.2025** को **14:30** बजे तक डाउनलोड किए जा सकते हैं। विस्तृत सूचना हेतु इच्छुक निविदाकार हमारी वेबसाइट **www.isro.gov.in** या **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO** देखें।
On behalf of President of India, Item Rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for **"Site Development works (Earthwork excavation & Levelling) for LPTs (3 Nos) and LTR at SSLV Launch complex, (SLC), Tiruchendur & Sathankulam Taluk, Tuticorin District. (Civil works)"** (₹ 198 Lakhs); Tender documents can be downloaded up to **10.02.2025, 14:30** hrs. Interested tenderers may visit **www.isro.gov.in** or **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO** for details.
हस्ताक्षरित- समूह प्रधान, सीएमजी / एसडीएससी शार / **Sd/- GROUP HEAD, CMG / SDSC SHAR**

Public Notice For E-Auction For Sale of Immovable Properties

Sale of Immovable property mortgaged to IIFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL-HFL) Corporate Office at Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Phase-IV, Gurgaon-122015 (Haryana) and **Branch Office at Soma Merit, No.9,Ground Floor,Venkataswamy Naidu Street,Taskar Town,Shivajinagar,Bangalore-560001** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002(hereinafter "Act"). Whereas the Auhorized Officer ("AO") of IIFL-HFL had taken the possession of the following property/ies pursuant to the notice issued U/S 13(2) of the Act in the following loan accounts/prospect nos. with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS, AS IS WHAT IS BASIS and WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" for realization of IIFL-HFL's dues, The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website: www.iiflonehome.com

Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property/ Secured Asset	Date of Physical Possession	Reserve Price
1. Mr. Prakash Dinesh Babu 2. Mrs.Manjula 3. Mr.Prakash 4. M/S Anu Gallery (Prospect No IL10309391)	**18-May-2023 Rs. 21,94,997/-** (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Ninety Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Seven Only)	All that part and parcel of the property bearing Survey No : 199, Area Ad Measuring 1064 Sq. Ft., Situated at Ullala Village , Yeshwanthpura Hobbli - 2 , Bangalore, Karnataka, India, 560110	**26-Dec-2024**	**Rs. 35,64,000/-** (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Sixty Four Thousand Only)
	Bid Increase Amount Rs. 40,000/- (Rupees Forty Thousand Only)	**(Area admeasuring 990 sq. ft., Built up area admeasuring 742 sq. ft.)**	**Total Outstandinga as on Date 09-Jan-2025 Rs. 21,98,676/-** (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Six Only)	**Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.3,56,400** (Rupees Three Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Four Hundred Only)

Date of Inspection of property	EMD Last Date	Date/ Time of E-Auction
18-Feb-2025 1100 hrs -1400 hrs.	20-Feb-2025 till 5 pm.	24-Feb-2025 1100 hrs-1300 hrs.

Mode of Payment :- EMD payments are to be made vide online mode only. To make payments you have tovisit https://www.iiflonehome.com and pay through link available for the property/ Secured Asset only. Note: Payment link for each property/ Secured Asset is different. Ensure you are using link of the property/ Secured Asset you intend to buy vide public auction.
For Balance Payment - Login https://www.iiflonehome.com >My Bid >Pay Balance Amount.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-
1. For participating in e-auction, Intending bidders required to register their details with the Service Provider **https://www. iiflonehome.com** well in advance and has to create the login account, login ID and password. Intending bidders have to submit / send their "Tender FORM" along with the payment details towards EMD, copy of the KYC and PAN card at the above mentioned Branch Office.
2. The bidders shall improve their offer in multiple of amount mentioned under the column "Bid Increase Amount". In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes.
3. The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount (after adjusting EMD) within 24 hours of the acceptance of bid price by the AO and the balance 75% of the bid amount within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. All deposit and payment shall be in the prescribed mode of payment.
4. The purchaser has to bear the cess, applicable stamp duty, fees, and any other statutory dues or other dues like municipal tax, electricity charges, land and all other incidental costs, charges including all taxes and rates outgoings relating to the property.
5. The purchaser has to pay TDS application to the transaction/payment of sale amount and submit the TDS certificate with IIFL HFL.
6. **Bidders are advised to go through the website https: //www.iiflonehome.com and https://www.iifl.com/home-loans/properties-for-auction for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale & auction application form before submitting their Bids for taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.**
7. **For details, help procedure and online training on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the service provider E mail ID:- care@iiflonehome.com, Support Helpline Numbers:@1800 2672 499.**
8. **For any query related to Property details, Inspection of Property and Online bid etc. call IIFL HFL toll free no. 1800 2672 499 from 09:30 hrs to 18:00 hrs between Monday to Friday or write to email:- care@iiflonehome.com**
9. Notice is hereby given to above said borrowers to collect the household articles, which were lying in the secured asset at the time of taking physical possession within 7 days, otherwise IIFL-HFL shall not be responsible for any loss of property under the circumstances.
10. Further the notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s, that in case they fail to collect the above said articles same shall be sold in accordance with Law.
11. In case of default in payment at any stage by the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the above stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid will be forfeited (including EMD) and the property will be again put to sale.
12. AO reserves the rights to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and condition of tender/auction without assigning any reason thereof. In case of any dispute in tender/Auction, the decision of AO of IIFL-HFL will be final.

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8 (6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002
The Borrower are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of Tender/Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.
Place:-Bangalore, Date: 20-Jan-2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, IIFL Home Finance Limited.**

KLM AXIVA FINVEST LTD

Corporate Office: KLM GRAND ESTATE, Edapally Bypass Road, Edapally, Ernakulam 682024, Ph : 7558865300

AUCTION NOTICE

KLM Axiva Finvest Ltd has decided to bid the Mortgage items in a systematic manner undermentioned branches on 25.01.2025 therefore, the customers interested in the repayment or renewal with interest repayment should contact their respective branches before the auction period. however, in the event of a failure to make the auction due to the above reasons, the operator's shall have full authority to postpone the auction proceeds to the place for conducting the auction without any further notice. KLM GRAND ESTATE, Edapally Bypass Road, Edapally, Ernakulam 682024.

2nd Auction date & Time : 06.02.2025 ,02.00 PM Auction Centre : Door No. 5945/2 in First Floor, Krishna Complex, Opposite to Bharat Petrol Bunk, Patel Chinnappa Extension, BH Road, Nelamangala, Bengaluru, 562123 BANGLORE RURAL D CROSS DODDABALLAPUR 202303910100827 202303910100917 202303910101004 202303910101044 202303910101068 202303910101072 202303910101106 202303910101119 202403910100022 202403910100268 202403910100311 202403910100324 202403910100335 202403910100338 202403910100339 202403910100392 202403910100394 202403910100395 202403910100405 202403910100414 202403910100434 202403910100437 202403910100441 202403910100454 202403910100455 202403910100475 202403910100493 202403910100498 202403910100501 202403910100507 202403910100523 202403910100537 202403910100538 202403910100545 202403910100547 202403910100548 202403910100549 202403910100559 202403910100563 202403910100573 202403910100575 202403910100580 202403910100581 202403910100585 202403910100592 202403910100608 202403910100611 202403910100614 202403910100629 202403910100647 202403910100660 202403910100682 202403910100689 202403910100690 202403910100699 202403910100700 202403910100713 202403910100723 202403910100727 202403910100730 202403910100735 202403910100736 202403910100740 202403910100741 202403910100743 202403910100744 202403910100753 202403910100755 202403910100757 202403910100758 202403910100760 202403910100761 202403910100762 HOSKOTE 202202360100697 202302360100985 202302360101090 202302360101219 202402360100111 202402360100157 202402360100165 202402360100183 202402360100194 202402360100197 202402360100213 202402360100215 202402360100225 202402360100226 202402360100242 202402360100250 202402360100260 202402360100301 202402360100305 202402360100337 202402360100338 202402360100343 202402360100352 202402360100363 202402360100388 202402360100389 202402360100409 202402360100431 202402360100433 202402360100459 202402360100460 202402360100471 202402360100488 202402360100489 202402360100491 202402360100493 202402360100494 202402360100501 202402360100538 202402360100559 202402360100564 202402360100565 202402360100580 202402360100581 202402360100582 202402360100587 202402360100588 202402360100592 202402360100604 202402360100625 202402360100633 202402360100642 202402360100643 202402360100651 KODIGEHALLI 202303810100395 202403810100062 202403810100065 202403810100075 202403810100076 202403810100089 202403810100095 202403810100097 202403810100110 202403810100144 202403810100148 202403810100152 202403810100153 202403810100154 202403810100155.

2nd Auction date & Time : 06.02.2025 ,10.00 AM Auction Centre : Door No: 39 , First Floor, Circle bus stop,, Nagarbhavi Road, Moodalapalya, Bengaluru, 560072 BANGLORE URBAN BAGALURU 202304320100539 202304320100676 202404320100169 202404320100192 202404320100193 202404320100194 202404320100195 202404320100251 202404320100253 202404320100255 202404320100256 202404320100257 202404320100261 202404320100262 202404320100264 202404320100265 202404320100270 202404320100275 202404320100278 202404320100279 202404320100281 202404320100291 202404320100294 202404320100328 202404320100329 202404320100335 202404320100336 202404320100348 202404320100361 202404320100362 202404320100378 202404320100380 202404320100390 202404320100398 202404320100401 202404320100407 202404320100410 202404320100414 202404320100415 202404320100419 202404320100422 202404320100426 202404320100433 202404320100449 202404320100451 202404320100452 202404320100467 202404320100468 202404320100469 202404320100472 202404320100473 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2nd Auction date & Time : 01.02.2025 ,10.00 AM Auction Centre : First Floor, Building No.1153/3 AMM Arcade, BB Road, Chikkaballapur, Bengaluru, 562101 CHIKKABALLAPUR CHIKKABALLAPUR 202304090100540 202304090100645 202304090100731 202404090100166 202404090100167 202404090100168 202404090100169 202404090100170 202404090100175 202404090100178 202404090100183 202404090100188 202404090100203 202404090100206 202404090100207 202404090100209 202404090100210 202404090100211 202404090100214 202404090100216 202404090100218 202404090100228 202404090100229 202404090100251 202404090100255 202404090100267 202404090100268 202404090100273 202404090100276 202404090100277 202404090100278 202404090100279 202404090100283 202404090100294 202404090100301 202404090100319 202404090100321 202404090100322 202404090100324 202404090100326 202404090100331 202404090100360 202404090100364 202404090100368 202404090100373 202404090100381 202404090100382 202404090100389 202404090100403 202404090100404 202404090100406 202404090100408 202404090100417 202404090100418 202404090100419 202404090100425 202404090100435 202404090100437 202404090100443 202404090100445 202404090100449 202404090100450 202404090100457 202404090100460 202404090100463 202404090100464 202404090100465 202404090100475 202404090100491 202404090100504 202404090100511 202404090100513 202404090100515 202404090100517 202404090100523 202404090100524 202404090100526 202404090100527 202404090100528 202404090100538 202404090100539 202404090100540 202404090100541 202404090100546 202404090100555 202404090100562 202404090100563 202404090100566 202404090100573 202404090100574 202404090100576 202404090100581 202404090100583 202404090100584 202404090100585 202404090100587 202404090100589 202404090100595 202404090100598 202404090100601.

2nd Auction date & Time : 05.02.2025 ,10.00 AM Auction Centre : Door No: 5292/5015 in the First Floor of the Appa Amma building, Opposite Junior College Bangalore, Hosur Main Road, Above Axis Bank, Malur, Kolar, 563130 KOLAR MALUR 202303690100873 202303690100890 202303690100903 202303690100908 202403690100223 202403690100233 202403690100237 202403690100258 202403690100267 202403690100274 202403690100280 202403690100305 202403690100309 202403690100310 202403690100312 202403690100323 202403690100324 202403690100344 202403690100367 202403690100374 202403690100384 202403690100385 202403690100386 202403690100392 202403690100393 202403690100394 202403690100402 202403690100404 202403690100405 202403690100409 202403690100417 202403690100424 202403690100426 202403690100428 202403690100430 202403690100432 202403690100452 202403690100468 202403690100469 202403690100472 202403690100492 202403690100494 202403690100511 202403690100527 202403690100531 202403690100534 202403690100538 202403690100554 202403690100560 202403690100565 202403690100580 202403690100581 202403690100590 202403690100595 202403690100615 202403690100620 202403690100625 202403690100633 202403690100636 202403690100637 202403690100639 202403690100648 202403690100656 202403690100675 202403690100691 202403690100694 202403690100699 202403690100701 202403690100702 202403690100705 202403690100706 202403690100707 202403690100709 202403690100710 202403690100711 202403690100713 202403690100715 202403690100717 202403690100718 202403690100719 202403690100726 202403690100727 202403690100728 202403690100729 202403690100732 202403690100734 202403690100735 202403690100742 202403690100747 202403690100749 202403690100750 202403690100751 202403690100752 202403690100753 202403690100754 202403690100755 202403690100756 202403690100758 202403690100759.

2nd Auction date & Time : 03.02.2025 ,10.00 AM Auction Centre : Door No: 3156/1035 in the First Floor, Aryan High School Association, (R) J.C Road Tumkur, Tumkur District, Karnataka-572101 TUMKUR TUMKUR JC ROAD 202306160100255 202306160100258 202306160100264 202306160100373 202306160100411 202306160100421 202306160100458 202306160100515 202306160100516 202306160100517 202406160100119 202406160100149 202406160100151 202406160100159 202406160100180 202406160100187 202406160100219 202406160100237 202406160100252 202406160100271 202406160100283 202406160100288 202406160100297 202406160100302 202406160100308 202406160100317 202406160100328 202406160100329 202406160100346 202406160100349 202406160100356 202406160100369 202406160100373 202406160100376 202406160100383 202406160100385 202406160100386 202406160100389 202406160100394 202406160100405 202406160100408 202406160100422 202406160100428 202406160100431 202406160100433 202406160100436 202406160100446 202406160100447 202406160100448 202406160100453 202406160100454 202406160100465 202406160100468 202406160100472 202406160100474 202406160100475 202406160100478 202406160100482.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Mrs. Surbhi Singh, D/o Narendra Singh & Sri V.Hemanth Reddy, S/o Venkatesha Reddy, R/at Sai Nilayam, No 705, 1st floor, BTM Layout 4th stage, Devarachikanahalli, BG Road, Bangalore 560 076 intend to purchase the schedule property from Sri Sridhara K V, S/o K.C.Venakatesh, R/at No.820, Old AEO Road, Kandavarapete, Ward No.18, Chikkaballapura Taluk and District 562101. Anyone having any claim, objection or any right in the said property may contact the undersigned along with the documents relied upon, within 07 days from the date of this publication, failing which it will be presumed that no one has any claim over the same.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential immovable property being a vacant site bearing No.6 (formed in the Layout in the residentially converted land bearing Sy No.12/1 of Balagere Village approved by Chikkaballapura Urban Development Authority), situated at Balagere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chikkaballapura Taluk and District, measuring East to west 40 feet, North to South 30 feet totally measuring 1200 square feet and bounded by:

EAST by : 9 meters Road
WEST by : Site no.7
NORTH by : Site no. 5
SOUTH by : by 9 meters Road

Observations: This plot will be registered under both Surbhi Singh & Hemanth Reddy (Wife & Husband)

Sd/- **K.S. RAGHAVENDRA,**
M/s LAW ASSOCIATES, Advocates
No. 40/2, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, Achaiah Setty Layout, RMV Extension, Bangalore-560 080. Phone: 9845219783

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Mr. SAGAR JOSEPH REDDY THUMMA,** S/o. Sri.Rajareddy Thumma, Aged about 41 years, R/at. H. No. 31, 11th Cross, Ashraya Layout, Near More super market, T.C Palya, Bangalore -560036. is intending to purchase the Schedule property from its owner **Mr. K. ROBIN,** S/o. Late. Kanika Raj and Mrs. Voilet Mary, Aged about 35 years, R/at. No.45, 3rd Cross, Near Water Tank, Anandapura, T.C.Palya, Bangalore-560036, for Valuable Consideration. Any persons having any rights/claims/ objections/Minor Claims, in respect of the schedule property are hereby requested to send their objections to the above mentioned address within 7 days, from the receipt of this public notice. If no objections are forth coming within 7 days, my client shall get executed sale deed in his favour.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of the immovable House Property Constructed on Site bearing No.45, Old No.14, Old Katha No.45/14, Katha No.1264, Situated at Sonnathamanahalli @ T.C.Palya, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, (formerly Bangalore South Taluk and K.R.Puram CMC Limits) Now comes within the Limits of BBMP, Bangalore. Measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet in all measuring 1200 square feet and bounded on the East by: Site No. 46, West by: Site No. 44, North by: Road, South by: Site No. 50.

Together with 600 Sq feet AC sheet roofed House constructed thereon with red oxide flooring, doors and windows are of Jungle wood with civic amenities

From **Mr. Manjunath Reddy,** B.A., LLB.,
Smt. T. Shobha Reddy, B.Sc., LLB.,
No. 8/7, Mega City BEML Layout Road, Maragondanahalli Main Road, K.R. Puram Post, Bangalore-36.
Ph:- 9845520830, 7353233778, 8123461236

MOTOR ACCIDENT CLAIM TRIBUNAL CUM SPECIAL DISRICT JUDGE, THANJAVUR

M.C.O.P.No.849 of 2023

1. Indirani, W/o.Sivakumar (Late),
2. Kumaravel, S/o.Sivakumar (Late),
3. Gunal, S/o.Sivakumar (Late),
Melatheru, Thaapai Village, Lalkudi Taluk, ..Petitioner

-Vs-

1. Nivetha Transport,
No.7, RCC 206/261 S.G.Mutt Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore -560 018. ...1st Respondent

PAPER PUBLICATION NOTICE

1st petitioner's Husband, 2nd and 3rd petitioner's father was died due to the Accident on **22.03.2023**. They filed petition for seeking compensation before the Hon'ble court and several time the court issued Notice to the 1st respondent. The said notice was not served. Hence the Hon'ble court ordered paper publication and the posted the case on **08.02.2025**.

Please take notice and make suitable arrangement to represent before the court on **08.02.2025 before 10.00 AM** either in person or through counsel, failing which the matter will be decided in your absence.

KASI RAVICHANDRAN, ADVOCATE,
M.S.No.173/95, Thanjavur.

IN THE COURT OF THE 74TH ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHAL AT BANGALORE (CCH-75)

P & S.C. No. 25006/2025

BETWEEN : Sri. M.S. Sreenivas, S/o M.Subba Rao, Aged about 68 years, R/at No. 1D, Pavan Paradise 63/A, 1st Block, 1st Cross, Near Sai Baba Mandir, VTC Thyagarajanagar, Banashankari II Stage, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560070. ....**Petitioner**

AND: NIL ...**Respondent**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the Petitioner above named has filed the above petition under section 372 of the Indian Succession Act, for grant of Succession Certificate in respect of schedule Property Senior Citizens Saving scheme vide savings account No. 3897821147 at Department of Post, Basavanagudi, Bangalore - 560 004 which in the name of late. Smt. Rekha Rao R who is the wife of the Petitioner.

The Hon'ble Court has fix the date **on 15.02.2025 at 11.00 am** for hearing the above said petition, hence, any person/s oppose may appeal before the Hon'ble Court on the said day and filed their objection if any, in person or through pleader duly instructed, failing which the matter will be heard and determined without any claims for objection.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Senior Citizens Saving scheme vide savings account No. 3897821147 at Department of Post, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004 which in the name of late Smt. Rekha Rao R.

Name of the account holder	Rekha Rao R
Post office A/c No.	3897821147
Amount	Rs. 5,10,000/-

Given under my hand and seal on this 16.1.2025.

By order of the Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Petitioner :
Sri. Shivakumara .H.C, Advocate
New No.14, Old No.12, Gante S Gopal Building, 2nd Floor, 13th Cross, Opp. Kandaya Bhavana, Cubbonpete, Bengaluru-560 002.

Government of Karnataka
Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Finance Department,
Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru

No.: FD 01 BMB 2024 Date: 17.01.2025

KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT STOCK (SECURITIES)

1. Aggregate Amount : Total Rs. 4000 Crore [Rs. 2000 Crore - 13 Year Tenure and Rs. 2000 Crore - 17 Year Tenure Re-issue]
2. Method of Issue : By auction, through PDO, RBI, Mumbai (Fort)
3. Date of auction : January 21, 2025

Government of Karnataka invites subscription to the above securities. Copies of the Notification and Application forms may be obtained from PDO, RBI, Bengaluru. Non-competitive bidding facility has been introduced by RBI to encourage participation of retail investors. The Government stock up to 10% of the notified amount of the sale will be allotted to eligible individuals and institutions. Sample Tender Forms and the revised scheme of Non-competitive bidding facility is available on the website **www.rbi.org.in**

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KARNATAKA SILK INDUSTRIES CORPORATION LTD.

(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
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NO. KSIC/PR/SWF/FA,HS&SA/01/2024-25 Date:16.01.2025

Tender for Supply of Formic Acid, Hydros Sulphite of Soda and Tata Brand Soda Ash for Annual Requirement at KSIC, Silk Weaving Factory, Mysuru Unit

(Through KPP portal Only)

Tenders are invited from reputed manufacturers / stockists / dealers for supply of Formic Acid - 5,005 Kgs, Hydros Sulphite of Soda - 3,000 Kgs and Tata Brand Soda Ash-5,200Kgs for Annual Requirement at KSIC, Silk Weaving Factory, Mysuru Unit.

Tender Documents, details of the Notification, schedule terms & conditions can be downloaded from **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** The Last date and time for uploading the tender along with EMD of **Rs. 12,000/- for formic Acid, Rs. 12,500/- for Hydros Sulphite of Soda, Rs. 5,800/- for Soda Ash** through KPP-Portal is **18.02.2025 upto 3.00 P.M** and the Technical bids will be opened on **19.02.2025 at 03.30 P.M.** Further details can be had from the office of the Undersigned during working hours or KPP-Portal helpdesk - 080-46010000, 080-68948777.

Sd/-
General Manager (Proc)

DIPR/CP/JA/4352/2024-25

2nd Auction date & Time : 06.02.2025 ,10.00 AM Auction Centre : Door No: 39 , First Floor, Circle bus stop,, Nagarbhavi Road, Moodalapalya,, Bengaluru, 560072 BANGLORE URBAN ANDRAHALLI 202303790100376 202303790100413 202303790100456 202303790100461 202403790100059 202403790100110 202403790100124 202403790100127 202403790100149 202403790100159 202403790100160 202403790100161 202403790100163 202403790100167 202403790100169 202403790100171 202403790100172 202403790100175 202403790100191 202403790100193 202403790100204 202403790100206 202403790100207 202403790100227 202403790100252 BAGALGUNTE 202306420100004 202406420100009 202406420100048 202406420100064 202406420100065 202406420100076 202406420100133 202406420100134 202406420100137 202406420100147 202406420100163 202406420100193 202406420100194 202406420100197 202406420100200 202406420100202 202406420100214 202406420100228 202406420100229 202406420100230 202406420100233 202406420100245 202406420100248 202406420100253 BANGALORE ANEKAL 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What taxpayers can expect in Budget 2025

Govt may increase exemption limit to ₹5L from the present ₹3L; standard deduction may be raised to ₹1 lakh

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

THE run-up to Budget 2025 has raised expectations of the middle class that the government is likely to give some relief on the personal taxation space. The aim would be to give a boost to private consumption, which has been lagging for quite some time.

The tax sops in the personal income tax space can be in the form of change in basic exemption limit, tweaks in the tax slab rates as well as an increase in the standard deductions. Apart from that a few other changes are also likely in respect of certain compliances to make the life of individual taxpayers easier. We list out some of the likely changes in the budget:

Higher exemption limit: Currently, income up to ₹3 lakh is not taxed if the total income is ₹7 lakh or more under the new tax regime. The government might increase the exemption limit to ₹5 lakh, which means any income between ₹ 5 lakh and ₹7 lakh would be taxed at 5%. Currently, income between ₹3 and ₹7 lakh is taxed at 5%.

Higher standard deduction: At present, the standard deduction is ₹75,000 under the new tax regime. This could be increased to ₹1 lakh, if the government is not considering raising the exemption limit. Standard deduction is the amount that is deducted directly from the income of an individual to arrive at the taxable income. It must be noted that taxpayers opting for the old tax regime can avail standard deduction of only ₹50,000.

Changes in tax slab: Last year, the finance minister had increased the 5% tax slab from ₹3-6 lakh to ₹3-7 lakh, and the

10% tax bracket from ₹6-9 lakh to ₹7-10 lakh. This year, the finance minister may change the 20% tax bracket from ₹12-15 lakh to ₹12-18 lakh. Accordingly, the highest tax rate of 30% could be applicable for income over ₹18 lakh. Most of these changes are likely in the new tax regime as 72% of the taxpayers have moved to the new tax regime. The government would continue to make the new tax regime more appealing for taxpayers, and therefore, may not offer much relief to those opting for the old tax regime.

Other likely changes

In cases where the employer reimburses running and maintenance expenses of motor cars, the valuation of the motor car benefit is based on the cubic capacity of the engine to determine the perquisite value. No separate criteria have been laid out with respect to electric cars. The Budget may come out with specific rules on use of EVs.

Tax experts also hope that the government may defer TDS on PF interest (above ₹2.5 lakh) until the withdrawal stage. They also demand that the ESOP tax deferment benefit should be extended to all employers, allowing tax payment at the sale stage. Another relief sought is on TDS deducted on sale of house property by NRIs. If the seller is an NRI, tax is withheld at a higher rate of 20% (against 1% in case of resident), and the buyer is also required to obtain a TAN, deposit the tax deducted and file e-TDS returns. "While the purchase and sale of the property is not a recurring transaction, obtaining TAN solely for the mentioned purpose may result in more inactive TANs," says Divya Baweja, partner, Deloitte India. To address this issue, the TDS process applicable for cases where the seller is an NRI may be eased by introducing challan-cum-statements similar to those applicable for a resident seller.

IN CONVERSATION

AMIT CHADHA
CEO & Managing Director, L&T Technology Services Limited

'We believe FY26 will be better than FY25; deal pipeline is strong'

L&T Technology Services Limited (LTTS), an engineering and technology services company, had a strong third quarter, as its revenues jumped 9.5% y-o-y to ₹2,653 crore. The company won eight large deals in the December quarter. In an interaction with TNIE's **Uma Kannan**, **Amit Chadha**, CEO & Managing Director, LTTS, said the large deal pipeline continues to be robust and that they expect FY26 to be better than FY25. Edited excerpts:

LTTS Q3 net profit has declined 4.1% to ₹322 crore. What are the factors that caused this drop?

If we look at the EBIT margin, it has improved from 15.1% to 16.2% operationally and then there is a 0.3% charge of the M&A transaction that we did, and therefore, non-operational combined, it has come to 15.9%. So, there is an improvement from 15.1% to 16.2% after taking in 100 bps impact of increments in the quarter. There have been currency losses that we've had because of Euro, JPY, SEK with dollar and all that. I would actually focus on the EBIT part rather than the PAT (profit after tax) part for the current quarter because of these fluctuations with the dollar that have happened, that's why we are stressing on constant currency. If we look at our growth, the constant currency growth is about 8.7% year-on-year, which is probably the best in the industry so far, and 3.1% quarter-on- quarter.

Tell us about your deal wins in the third quarter and how the large deal pipeline looks like in coming quarters?

Our deal wins have been the highest ever. We closed eight large deals- one $50 million, two $35 million, two $25 million, and three $10 million deals. We are fairly pleased with what we have been able to do. We see a lot of activity in the market. The large deal pipeline continues to be robust aided by ongoing engagements with customers on both new age product and platform development and business transformation.

Our deal wins have been the highest ever. Our strategy of investing upfront in the first half of the current fiscal has started yielding results with growth and margin improvement.

How are you looking at the demand environment and do you expect any major changes in the coming quarters?

We believe FY26 will be better than F525. While in FY25, we will see 10% revenue growth, FY 26 will be higher than 10%. Also, our mobility is not just auto, we had a one-off this quarter where mobility was really down, but next quarter onward mobility will be back. Next year, sustainability and tech sectors will grow faster than mobility because sustainability is more profitable for us. Parts of tech are also profitable for us. In the third quarter, in tech, we grew by 11% sequentially driven by ramp ups in Medtech, Hyperscalers and Communication providers where we leveraged our SWC (Smart World & Communication) capabilities. Sustainability grew by 4% sequentially helped by plant modernisation and automation demand. Our strategy of investing upfront in the first half of the current fiscal has started yielding results with growth and margin improvement. With the Intelliswift acquisition now complete, we have formed a new sub-segment called Software & Platforms through which we will strengthen our foothold in Hyperscalers and enter the Service-led sectors.

During the quarter, you inaugurated the NVIDIA AI Experience Zone at the Bengaluru design hub. How are you leveraging AI to enhance clients' experience?

AI/GenAI has been leveraged in two of the deals that we have won – one of the medical deals, mobility deal and one of the media deals. We are investing in agentic AI as well domain specific micro LLMs (large language models) etc. We do believe that it will continue to help us. As we move forward, I'm really excited that this provides an excellent opportunity to grow. We are also hiring 2,000 freshers in FY26.

MONEY-WISE

ART OF SURVIVING, THRIVING IN MKT

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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I have often felt that for all the positive domestic retail investor numbers that were being reported regularly over the last several years, the real test for the Indian equity market would come in case of a longer than usual, if not prolonged correction in a market that has been on a one way rising trend since the early Covid days, almost five years ago.

And that moment may well have arrived. Before looking at how one might want to react in a sliding market, let us first look at why it turned into one. For a long while, valuations have been running far ahead of performance and the Q3 results were a wake-up call about the wide lag in performance versus valuation in the market.

That it coincided with US Court strictures on promoters of one of India's largest business groups hardly helped matters as Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) commenced an exodus of sorts from the Indian bourses. The impact of their rapid selling of mega large caps was seen on the Indian market indices that went into a tailspin.

While resident investor inflows helped the Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) to offset the relentless selling by the FIIs to some extent and circumvent a vertical fall at the Indian equity market, it became clear that the market was on a slippery slope. The markets are still shaky and volatile and will remain so until quarterly numbers improve significantly and value returns to the market.

Meanwhile a strong dollar is keeping FIIs invested in the US market, but they will have to return eventually. The Indian market and economy are now too big to ignore indefinitely anymore. But when the FII money will return to the Indian bourses would be is anybody's guess.

Let us be clear about one thing ---- 2025 is not a year for the weak hearted at the Indian equity market. Remember, those that fear seeing Red must not be in the market as market cycles are part and parcel of every equity market.

2025 however, offers an opportunity to accumulate better value gradually. For mutual fund investors with liquidity, this is a good time to commence and top-up investments through the SIP/STP route while the market drifts ahead of the next rally.

Here, I must reiterate a point I made in one of my recent columns about the difference between lateral and linear investments.

Lateral investors can even use the lump sum route at this point in time, provided of course that their time frame is over five years while linear investors who are less prone to taking bigger risks must stick to the SIP/STP and top-up route.

It is also a good year to tighten up the loose ends in one's investment portfolio that becomes inevitable over time.

To cut a long story short and sum up, the message is simple – just like economic cycles there are market cycles too. Those that can balance their greed and fear by alternately accumulating in a difficult year and riding returns in a good year, are the ones that survive and thrive at the bourses.

MONEY MATTERS

WHAT NOT TO EXPECT OF BUDGET 2025

FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

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BY the end of the week, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present her second Budget in quick succession. Just like it happens every year, there are expectations from businesses and people who always want the government to step in and do more.

The government's action depends on the state of the government's finances. That has more to do with the estimated tax revenue from businesses and individuals. The Union Budget no longer makes any significant changes in indirect taxation. The only exception is import duties. The goods and services tax (GST) is out of the ambit of the Budget.

The GST council, which comprises centre and state finance ministers, makes any changes to GST. So, making things cheaper or expensive is no longer a part of the Budget. So, that is the first thing you should not expect.

Headline numbers show that the government is doing well on the direct tax front for the financial year 2024-25. There is good growth in the collection of corporate and personal taxes. The GST revenue also maintains the momentum of monthly collection. An essential piece of data to look for in the Budget is the estimated state of government finances in 2025-26. Financial markets will react to the estimates. If you are an investor, you want your government to manage finances better without borrowing too much and burdening the banking system and taxpayers.

The picture is not a rosy one. The global uncertainty continues and there is a visible slowdown in India's economy. All significant estimates for economic growth are now lower than expected. The World Bank estimates that India will grow 6.7% yearly over the next two years. For 2024-25, it is already at the slowest pace than the long-term average in 2010-19.

Most companies that focus on urban consumption have faced a slowdown. There is pressure on the government to put more money into urban high-spending consumers' hands. While you may think there could be dramatic tax cuts, you may have to hold your horses. Many states have already extended cash benefits to women and other people in the lower-income strata. At the same time, promises are being made in states heading into an election in 2025-26. The government would be mindful of that while determining the rationalisation of direct taxes they may take up. As a result, you may have to tone down expectations.

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

It will be a significant policy decision. If the government rationalises direct taxes further, the tax revenue growth that looked buoyant in 2024-25 would get under pressure. At the same time, the government would have to continue to allocate more resources for capital expenditure to enhance the physical infrastructure in the country further. A survey of the economists by the Federation of Indian Chambers and Commerce and Industry, an industry body, recommended a 10-15% jump in capital expenditure over 2024-25. The government allocated over Rs 11 lakh crore to the Budget last year. An increase of 15% would be a significant amount.

What it means to you

Income tax could be rationalised to provide relief and spending power to the urban middle class.

However, you must not expect the government to make everyone happy. If they offer any direct benefits to you, it is not such a good thing for your investments. India needs you to deploy your savings into financial assets over the next 20 years to become a developed country. You may expect the government to offer some incentive for long-term equity investments.

Even systematic investment plans in mutual funds have a withdrawal rate of 90%, according to the data from the Association of Mutual Funds in India. Fewer people are staying invested to generate meaningful returns. For India's households to create wealth, that must change.

Budget 2025: Insurance sector expects incentives, innovation

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

THE insurance industry is expecting a host of policy measures from the forthcoming budget and topping the wishlist is ending the double taxation on pensioners, lowering, if not ending, GST on insurance, especially on health products, and a closure for the much-delayed insurance amendments bill that may likely bring in a composite licensing regime for the sector.

HDFC Life chief executive Vibha Padalkar expects the budget to end some tax relief for pensioners who are buying annuity products. "Currently, a pensioner is taxed on both sides—first when she withdraws the pension and then while withdrawing an annuity

product that she bought with her pension money. This is double taxation and the industry and the public expect a relief on this front, she told TNIE.

Padalkar also expects a closure for the insurance amendments bill that has been pending for many years now. If the proposed amendments are approved by Parliament, that will bring in a license regime change allowing the composite insurance licence, which will allow life insurers to offer health insurance as well or hold one single licence for general and life together. Neha Parikh, the head of financial sector ratings at Icra Ratings feels that given the weak solvency ratios of the state-run general insurers, a budgetary allocation for their recapitalisation will be positive. Further, given the low penetration, the government can announce some measures to incentivise insurance penetration, especially in the lower ticket size policies.

Naveen Chandra Jha, chief executive at SBI General Insurance, said the government has to offer some incentives to widen the reach of health insurance.

EPFO simplifies PF account transfer process

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Employee Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has simplified the process for transfer of PF account on change of jobs wherein the requirement to route online transfer claims through either the previous or current employer has been removed in majority of cases.

According to the EPFO, the introduction of the revised process would result in 94% of the total claims to be directly forwarded to EPFO without requiring the employer's intervention. From April 1, 2024 till date, around 1.30 crore transfer claims have been received by EPFO in the online mode, out of which, about 45 lakh claims are auto-generated transfer claims.

ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India to start 2 automotive steel units in 2025

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

ARCELORMITTAL Nippon Steel India, a joint venture between ArcelorMittal and Nippon Steel, is set to commission in 2025 two production lines dedicated to manufacturing advanced automotive steel products.

The company in a statement said that once operational, the production of the two units will substitute imports of high-end steel required by the entire automotive sector. Some of the offerings currently available globally will also be manufactured for the first time in India.

The new lines – a Continuous Galvanizing Line (CGL) and a Continuous Galvanizing and Annealing Line (CGAL), embedding the technical know-how of the parent companies –

are expected to be fully operational in 2025. These two facilities will be part of the upcoming Cold Rolling Mill 2 (CRM2) complex at its flagship plant in Hazira, Gujarat.

The two units will enable the production of ArcelorMittal as well as Nippon Steel's licensed products, with strength levels up to 1180 MPa, in both coated and uncoated steel. This initiative builds on the previous success of AM/NS India with the introduction of Optigal and Magnelis last year.

The expansion aims to meet the growing demand for high-quality, value-added automotive steel in India, which currently stands at 7.8 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) for flat steel and is projected to grow by 6-7% annually.

Dilip Oommen, CEO of ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS India), said, "The dedicated two units mark a significant step toward our goal of providing high-quality, premium steel solutions tailored to the evolving needs of the automotive sector. With our wide range of products and services, we are well-positioned and preferred choice among automotive manufacturers."

India win both Kho Kho WC 2025 beating Nepal

The Indian women's and men's kho kho teams scripted history by clinching their respective Kho Kho World Cups 2025 at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium on Sunday. India's Chaithra B won the best player of the final for women and for men, Mehul was announced as the best player.

RETURN OF THE STARS TO RANJI

Even as India get ready for the first T20I against England in Kolkata on Wednesday, the focus is on the India internationals who are returning to the domestic circuit to play Ranji Trophy on January 23. A look at who's doing what and more...

NEW MANDATE

While Rohit Sharma asked the media to wait on the official word, chief selector Ajit Agarkar acknowledged the new guidelines BCCI has formulated for the senior men. According to the document, the players have to take part in domestic cricket to be eligible for India selection. And not complying with it will have consequences, including a ban from the IPL. Exception,if any, will come with approval of chief selector and head coach

ROHIT & JAISWAL

While Yashasvi Jaiswal had already confirmed his availability for the game against Jammu & Kashmir, India captain Sharma said that he will take part as well during the Champions Trophy press conference. Sharma, who will be playing his first Ranji game in a decade, went on to explain why he has not been able to play as much first-class cricket in the last six years.

CURIOUS CASE OF KOHLI

Virat Kohli was calling the shots in the field when Jasprit Bumrah walked off during the fifth Test in Sydney. Since then, uncertainty continued over his availability for Delhi. Later, it was said that he will not take part due to neck sprain, but might still join the team and train on the sidelines. One has to wait and see how it goes

THE OTHERS

The likes of Dhruv Jurel, Washington Sundar, Nitish K Reddy and Harshit Rana, who were in Australia with the Test team, might not necessarily take part in the Ranji Trophy as they are a part of the India T20I squad for the England series at home

PANT VS JADEJA

Rishbh Pant was one of the first to have confirmed his availability for Delhi after coming back to India from the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. He will be taking the field against Saurashtra on January 23. The interesting thing about this contest is that it seems like Ravindra Jadeja, in all likelihood, too will turn up for his state. The duel between the India internationals will be a sight to see

Mohammed Shami, who is on his comeback trail, along with bowling coach Morne Morkel during a training session at the Eden Gardens on Sunday | PTI

INJURIES AND MISSES

Sarfaraz Khan seems to have missed out due to injury for the match between Mumbai and J&K while KL Rahul too might not take part in Karnataka's clash against Punjab, which will see Devdutt Padikkal, Prasidh Krishna and Shubman Gill in action. Abhimanyu Easwaran, too, is expected to miss out on the upcoming round of games for Bengal due to injury.

TO THE VIKTOR GO THE SPOILS

World No 5 thrilled to return to winning ways after capturing men's singles crown on Sunday

ANMOL GURUNG @ New Delhi

V for VIKTOR, V for victory'.

In a jam-packed KD Jadhav Indoor Hall here, a lone spectator could be heard chanting those words in the second game of the men's singles final of the India Open between Viktor Axelsen and Lee Cheuk Ki. Axelsen, considered to be sport's gold standard, was operating with plenty of gusto, bringing the crowd alive in the process.

In the end, Axelsen did what Axelsen has been doing for many moons now, notching up the nth victory of his career. This one was special for the Dane, who had performed below his usual standards, in the last four months or so. Moreover, it was also a sweet revenge of sorts. The Danish veteran was facing Cheuk Yiu, a shuttler from Hong Kong who had knocked him out in the very first round of the Malaysia Open barely a week or so back.

Winning is in his DNA. After getting over the line (the final score read 21-16, 21-8 in the Dane's favour) against Cheuk Yiu on Sunday, Axelsen was visibly animated and celebrated with the fans.

"This title feels very, very special to me. I've struggled a little bit after the Olympics (Paris) with injuries, training and my motivation has been lacking a little bit. But this week, I felt like a competitor out there. I dug deep in every single match and found a solution. To be winning here means a lot. It gives me a lot of motivation," the former World No 1 told reporters.

On the day, Axelsen was patient in his approach in the opening stanza and Cheuk Yiu was getting some joy initially. But Axelsen gradually started to find his rhythm and with some sensible badminton, induced his opponent into making some unforced errors. That became a recurring theme.

"I was struggling especially at the start with Lee's game. But my legs started coming and I started moving better and my defense started to be better and my offense also improved. Then from there, I felt more and more confident," Axelsen assessed.

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> — Viktor Axelsen

Denmark shuttler Viktor Axelsen celebrates after beating Lee Cheuk Ki 21-16, 21-8 in the India Open final | PTI

After the change of ends, Axelsen, clearly high on confidence after grabbing the first game, started employing his trademark smashes before eventually going on to close out the contest without expending much sweat. "In the second game, I started to feel like my attack was sitting pretty well and I felt more and more comfortable."

For well over a decade, the 31-year-old has been a habitual winner, having won at every level on the BWF World Tour. And now, this latest success could potentially spur him to add to his rich CV. He said that he's yet to regain his best form.

"I'm far from my best at the moment actually. So that is a very, very good sign that I'm winning here. I haven't really had a good training block for a long time. If I can structure together, like four weeks of proper training, then I feel like I can be in a better place and compete for the biggest titles."

In 2015, Axelsen had entered this tournament (it was a super series event then) as one of the rising stars to look out for. He had crossed paths with India's Kidambi Srikanth, just their second meeting then, in the final before ending up as a runner-up that year. Jan O Jorgensen, also part of the draw, was a more-acclaimed face to represent Denmark. Axelsen, who captured his third India Open crown, also touched upon his olden days, while trying to highlight his longevity.

"To be in a final here, win the title for the third time... and my first final being ten years ago and then, grabbing the title here in 2025, that proves that I've been very consistent over my career and that's something that I'm very, very proud of because it's definitely not easy with new players coming up all the time. So, yeah, I'm very, very happy about it."

With the insatiable hunger that he possesses, Axelsen could continue to make headlines in the weeks to come.

South Korea's An Se-Young celebrates after winning the Women's Singles final on Sunday | PTI

World No 1 An Se-Young lives up to billing at India Open

ANMOL GURUNG @ New Delhi

PORNPAWEE Chochuwong stood bemused in the middle of the court.

The Thai shuttler was digging deep into her available resources trying out every trick that she has learnt over the years against South Korea's An Se-Young, but it was simply not generating the desired results at the KD Jadhav Indoor Hall, here.

Chochuwong, who was making her maiden appearance in the final of a BWF Super 750-level meet during the India Open on Sunday, was employing every trick in the book — flick shots, drop shots and smashes — but An remained unruffled and dealt every question that Chochuwong had to offer with poise. It was clear that Chochuwong, who's ranked World No 12, was fighting a losing battle and An eventually coasted to a comfortable victory. The score-line, 21-12, 21-9, said it all.

Japan's Arisa Igarashi & Ayako Sakuramoto (in orange)& South Korea's Kim Hye Jeong & Kong Hee Yong | PTI

Such has been An's form and she has made a habit of crushing opponents. Chochuwong, who had done very well to reach the summit match, was the latest shuttler to feel An's power. The latter was simply living in the moment and enjoying every point at Chochuwong's expense.

The crowd went into a frenzy as An, who was forced to retire mid-match due to injury issues in the 2024 edition of the event, crossed the finish line. The crowd's goodwill was not lost on An. "I could bring out my best because of all the support from the crowd. It was a good match and I really enjoyed it," a visibly delighted An told reporters after the match.

Meanwhile, Japan's Arisa Igarashi and Ayako Sakuramoto beat South Korea's Kim Hye Jeong and Kong Hee Yong in the women's doubles final to win the title. The final score-line read 21-15, 21-13.

Gukesh turns tables on Anish Giri in Tata Open

ENS/AGENCIES @ Wijk Aan Zee (The Netherlands)

D GUKESH seems to be on a roll. At least for a while. On January 17, D Gukesh was at the Rashtrapati Bhavan for the National Sports awards ceremony. He received the Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna from India President Droupadi Murmu and left for the Tata Open Chess tournament. He barely had time to rest before taking Anish Giri of the Netherlands.

The newly-crowned world champion took a small break before returning to top-flight chess tournament. Though the gruelling 14 game world championship tested his mettle, he seemed fresh and hungary again.Gukesh got lucky and came back from a tough position to beat Anish Giri in the first round.

The game almost looked over for Gukesh when he found moves that left Giri with some difficult choices. It was an eventful first round with three decisive games and making the most of his white pieces was P Harikrishna who crashed through the defenses of compatriot world number four Arjun Erigaisi. R Praggnanandhaa put up a stiff resistance against Nodirbek Abdusattorov to draw eventually.

In the challengers' section R Vaishali got off to a winning start against World's youngest International Master Oro Faustino of Argentina but Divya Deshmukh went down to higher ranked Nodirbek Yakubboev of Uzbekistan.

RESULTS

Pairings round 1 Masters: D Gukesh (Ind) beat Anish Giri (Ned); P Harikrishna (Ind) beat Arjun Erigaisi (Ind); Leon Luke Mendonca (Ind) lost to Vincent Keymer (Ger); R Praggnanandhaa (Ind) drew with Nodirbek Abdusattorov (Uzb); Wei Yi (Chn) drew with Fabiano Caruana (Usa); Max Warmerdam (Ned) drew with Alexey Sarana (Srb); Jorden van Foreest (Ned) drew with Vladimir Fedoseev (Slo). **Challengers:** Divya Deshmukh (Ind) lost to Nodirbek Yakubboev (Uzb); Oro Faustino (Arg) lost to R Vaishali (Ind); Nguyen Thai van Dam (Cze) beat Arthur Pijpers (Ned); Aydin Sulemanli (Aze) drew with Benjamin Bok (Ned); Ediz Gurez (Tur) beat Irina Bulmaga (Rom); Erwin L'Ami (Ned) drew with Frederic Svane (Ger); Mioyi Lu (Chn) beat Nodirbek Kazybek (Kaz).

FC Goa secure a narrow win over East Bengal FC

AGENCIES @ Goa

FC GOA defeated East Bengal FC by 1-0 at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Goa in the Indian Super League (ISL) 2024-25 on Sunday.

The Gaurs moved to the second spot in the points table with their eighth victory of the season, having 30 points to their name from 16 matches now. Brison Fernandes' sixth goal of this ISL campaign proved enough for the home team to clinch the triumph, in a game where they took three shots on target, as opposed to the six of East Bengal FC.

Lal Chungnunga ensured that East Bengal FC were on the assertive upfront, setting up a sharp delivery for Vishnu Puthiya outside the box, which the latter shot firmly, but off target to the right in the third minute. Immediately afterwards, FC Goa embarked on the attack, pushing numbers ahead to overwhelm the visitors in their box, resulting in Odei Onaindia attempting a left-footed shot, which was blocked in time though. FC Goa will play Chennaiyin FC on January 25.

Manchester City's Phil Foden celebrates scoring his side's opening goal | AP

Foden stars as Man City hit Ipswich for six

AGENCIES @ Ipswich

PHIL Foden struck twice as Manchester City climbed to fourth in the Premier League with a 6-0 rout of struggling Ipswich on Sunday. Foden netted either side of Mateo Kovacic's eye-catching goal as City blew Ipswich away with three first-half goals at Portman Road. Jeremy Doku, Erling Haaland and James McAtee netted after the interval as City enjoyed their biggest league win this season. Sterner tests lie in wait for City, including a vital Champions League trip to Paris Saint-Germain on Wednesday and looming Premier League clashes with Chelsea and Arsenal.

Manchester United slumped to a 3-1 defeat at home to Brighton while Tottenham lost 3-2 at Everton.

EXPRESS READ

Tesfay, Chepkemoi win in Mumbai Marathon

MUMBAI: New champions emerged in the Mumbai Marathon as unheralded Berhane Tesfay of Eritrea took the men's elite title while Kenya's Joyce Chepkemoi Tele won the women's crown here on Sunday. Tesfay clocked 2 hours 11 minutes and 44 seconds.

Super Giants go down to Sunrisers in SA20

GQEBERHA: Durban Super Giants lost to Sunrisers Eastern Cape by six wickets in a SA20 league match on Sunday. Skipper Aiden Markram (31 n.o) held the 117-run chase together. **Brief scores:** DSG 115/8 in 20 ovs (Williamson 44) **lost to** 117/4 in 15.2 ovs (Bedingham 39, Markram 31 n.o).

Atletico's win streak ends, Barcelona held

BARCELONA: Barcelona were bested by Getafe's defense again in a 1-1 draw in La Liga, while Atletico Madrid's club record winning streak ended after a late penalty miss by Antoine Griezmann. Meanwhile, Atletico's 15-win streak ended in a 1-0 loss to Leganes.

HIL: Lancers pull off stunning comeback

AGENCIES @ Rourkela

KALINGA Lancers pulled off a stunning comeback to earn a shootout victory against the Delhi SG Pipers in the ongoing Hockey India League. Lancers were trailing 1-4 at the halfway mark, but goals from Alexander Hendrickx (13', 52'), Thierry Brinkman (35', 47') and Angad Bir Singh (49') saw them make a remarkable comeback and win the subsequent shootout.

After both teams scored five goals each a tense final eight minutes followed where neither team managed to find a goal and a shootout ensued. In the shootout, Hendrickx made no mistake as Lancers took a 3-2 lead and their goalkeeper Toby Reynolds-Cotterill pulled off a brilliant save to register a win.

Kalinga Lancers players celebrate a goal against Delhi SG Pipers on Sunday | HIL

Earlier, at a packed stadium in Rourkela, in the women's Hockey India League, Odisha Warriors beat the Shrachi Rarh Bengal Tigers 3-1. Michelle Fillet (16'), Yibbi Jansen (18' and 47') and Neha Goyal (58') scored for the Odisha Warriors while Udita (30') scored for the Shrachi Rarh Bengal Tigers.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Alcaraz sets up last eight date with Djokovic

AFP @ Melbourne

ALEXANDER Zverev warned on Sunday he can "do a lot of damage" at the Australian Open but is wary of "smart" quarter-final opponent Tommy Paul. The German booked his spot in the last eight after surviving a mid-match wobble to oust France's Ugo Humbert as he zeroes in on a maiden Grand Slam title.

The second seed was in imperious form to start and finish on John Cain Arena in Melbourne, racing past the 14th seed 6-1, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 after briefly letting his guard down.

He will meet dangerous 12th seed Paul after the American dismantled Spain's Alejandro Davidovich Fokina for the loss of just three games.

Zverev and Paul have played twice before, but not since Indian Wells in 2022, with the American winning both times.

"I think he is somebody that is quite a smart player. I think he is somebody that can change tactics quite a lot when he plays. He can mix up his serves a lot. He can mix up his groundstrokes a lot," Zverev said of Paul. "I think it's going to be a tough challenge.

Aryna Sabalenka beat Mirra Andreeva in straight sets on Sunday | AFP

Novak Djokovic surged into an Australian Open quarter-final clash against Carlos Alcaraz with a dominant straight-sets victory on Sunday while women's world number one Aryna Sabalenka was a ruthless winner. Double defending champion Sabalenka is on a collision course with in-form world number three Coco Gauff. On the hottest day of the tournament so far with temperatures hitting 34 degrees Celsius (93 Fahrenheit), Alcaraz went through when Britain's Jack Draper retired injured.

Djokovic then kept up his end of the bargain with a 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (4) win over Czech 24th seed Jiri Lehecka in the prime-time match on Rod Laver Arena. Sabalenka blew away Russian 17-year-old Mirra Andreeva 6-1, 6-2 in a chilling warning to sweep into the quarter-finals. The Belarusian was out on a roasting centre court for only 62 minutes before registering an 18th consecutive win at Melbourne Park. "I'm super happy to get through this difficult match in straight sets," said Sabalenka, who faces Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova next.

RESULTS (4TH RD, SELECT)

Men's singles: Novak Djokovic bt Jiri Lehecka 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (4), Carlos Alcaraz bt Jack Draper 7-5, 6-1, 0-0 ret, Alexander Zverev bt Ugo Humbert 6-1, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2
Women's singles: Aryna Sabalenka bt Mirra Andreeva 6-1, 6-2, Paula Badosa bt Olga Danilovic 6-1, 7-6 (2), Coco Gauff bt Belinda Bencic 5-7, 6-2, 6-1

MONDAY'S MATCHES (4TH RD, SELECT)

Men's singles: Jannik Sinner vs Holger Rune, Alex Michelsen vs Alex de Minaur
Women's singles: Elena Rybakina vs Madison Keys, Eva Lys vs Iga Swiatek

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SWAYAM's Milestones

The growing popularity of short-term distance learning courses is evident as they continue to gain traction among students and young professionals. As of now, SWAYAM portal has hosted over 13,000 courses, enrolled over 4.6 crore students, and awarded certifications to over 37 lakh learners. Let us look at the breakdown

	TOTAL COURSES RUN	TOTAL STUDENTS ENROLLED	TOTAL REGISTERED FOR EXAM	TOTAL CERTIFIED
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UGC	283	3,31,782	13,765	9,709
CEC	1,708	37,68,787	1,69,919	97,581
NPTEL	7,620	3,13,67,812	53,59,805	34,56,211
NITTTR	277	6,28,895	49,928	25,887
NIOS	567	34,93,467	0	0
NCERT	341	4,92,090	0	0
IIMB	400	18,12,603	73,504	35,244
IGNOU	1,563	21,85,904	91,812	49,069
INI	46	85,254	10,665	7,337
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Here's a curated list of courses available on the SWAYAM portal that can be a game changer for your personal and professional journey:

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5 Personality Development & Communication Skills

By Dr Sachin Sadashiv Surve | Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune

This course is tailored to meet the needs of students and professionals through effective and simplified delivery. It delves into the concept of personality, influencing factors, and key characteristics of an effective personality. This three-credit course is designed to benefit learners across varied disciplines and professions, with insights to enhance their personal and professional effectiveness.

Course begins: January 13, 2025
Course ends: April 30, 2025
Course duration: 8 weeks
Last date of enrollment: February 28, 2025
Exam date: May 25, 2025

1 Critical Thinking

By Partha Chatterjee | SHIV NADAR UNIVERSITY

This course provides a comprehensive introduction to the foundational concepts of logic through five detailed modules. Beginning with naïve set theory to establish a foundational language, the course progresses to the theory of numbers, constants, variables, and sentential calculus, culminating in the theory of relations. It covers essential topics such as logical conjunctions, truth tables, and the algebra of binary relations, equipping learners with critical analytical and reasoning skills.

Course Duration: SELF-PACED

2 Soft skills for Business

By Dr Harshitha YS | CHRIST (Deemed-to-be) University

This course provides comprehensive training in interpersonal and behavioural skills for thriving in today's dynamic workplaces. It focuses on non-technical competencies such as effective communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and time management. Tailored for students, professionals, managers, and new hires, the course equips participants with techniques to enhance workplace interactions, improve productivity, and foster growth.

Course begins: January 20, 2025
Course ends: April 30, 2025
Course duration: 8 weeks
Last date of enrollment: February 28, 2025
Exam date: May 25, 2025

3 Yoga & Positive Psychology for Managing Career and Life

By Prof Ashish Pandey | IIT Bombay

This unique course offered by IIT Bombay focuses on managing 'self ' using principles from Yoga and Positive Psychology. Designed for undergraduate and postgraduate students across various disciplines, as well as working professionals, researchers, and yoga instructors, this course provides valuable insights into enhancing personal well-being and leadership effectiveness. Many businesses already incorporate Yoga and Positive Psychology practices for employee well-being, making this course particularly beneficial for employees.

Course begins: February 17, 2025
Course ends: April 11, 2025
Course duration: 12 weeks
Last date of enrollment: February 17, 2025
Exam date: May 4, 2025

4 Soft Skills

By Prof Parmod Kumar | Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi

This course provides comprehensive training in essential soft skills crucial for personal and professional growth. It focuses on key areas such as non-verbal communication, personality development, emotional intelligence, and creativity. Tailored for students, professionals, and anyone seeking personal improvement, the course explores how to enhance self-awareness, adapt to change, manage diversity, and think critically. With practical insights and strategies, learners will develop the interpersonal and cognitive skills necessary to navigate diverse environments and collaborate effectively.

Course began: January 1, 2025
Course ends: April 30, 2025
Course duration: 12 weeks
Last date of enrollment: February 28, 2025
Exam date: May 24, 2025

6 Negotiation and Conflict Management

By Dr Sachin Surve | Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune

This course focuses on the art of negotiation, emphasising its role as a key method for resolving differences and reaching agreements. It explores essential negotiation skills such as communication, persuasion, planning, strategising, and cooperation, providing the foundation to become a more effective negotiator. With a focus on fairness and relationship building, the course examines the multi-stage process of negotiation and equips learners with the tools to achieve successful outcomes.

Course begins: July 15, 2025
Course ends: October 31, 2025
Course duration: 10 weeks
Last date of enrollment: August 31, 2025
Exam date: December 7, 2025

7 Digital Media Literacy

By Prof KS Arul Selvan | Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi

Digital media literacy, though often a lesser-mentioned soft skill, is crucial in today's fast-evolving media environment. It involves the ability to think critically about the media we consume and to use and engage with digital media in a responsible way. This course empowers learners to become active producers of content in today's decentralised digital landscape.

Course began: January 1, 2025
Course ends: April 30, 2025
Course duration: 16 weeks
Last date of enrollment: February 28, 2025
Exam date: May 24, 2025

8 Mastering Speaking and Presentations: A case-based approach

By Prof Seema Singh | IIT Kharagpur

This course equips learners with the essential tools and techniques for effective speaking and impactful presentations. It covers foundational aspects of English pronunciation, fluency in spoken English, and advanced presentation skills. Designed with a case-based approach and unique pedagogy, this course is ideal for students, scholars, and professionals as well.

Course begins: February 17, 2025
Course ends: April 11, 2025
Course duration: 8 weeks
Last date of enrollment: February 17, 2025
Exam date: May 4, 2025

9 Complete Guide for Campus Interviews

By Prof Vinod Aravindakshan, Prof Vibin Aravindakshan | IIT Palakkad

This one is simple and straightforward — designed to help students secure jobs in industry by equipping them with essential skills for the job market. It covers the basics of understanding various types of skills, labour market trends, and recruitment challenges, and provides guidance on writing an effective resume, networking, and preparing for interviews. It also includes hands-on activities.

Course begins: February 17, 2025
Course ends: March 14, 2025
Course duration: 4 weeks
Last date of enrollment: February 17, 2025
Exam date: May 3, 2025

SWAYAM at IIM Bangalore!

INDIAN Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB) is one of the national coordinators for SWAYAM's management-related courses. To understand the ongoing trends and growing demands of these courses, *EdexLive* spoke to Professor Vasanthi Srinivasan, Chairperson, IIMBx, which is IIMB's digital learning initiative. She also lists some of their top courses.

Advanced Corporate Strategy

Prof R Srinivasan and Prof Sai Yayavaram

- For students who seek advanced exposure to corporate strategy.

Banking and Financial Markets

Prof PC Narayan

- Provides an in-depth understanding of the theory and concepts underlying banking and financial markets.

Brand Management

Preeti Krishnan Lyndem

- Provides an in-depth exploration of key brand management terminology, including brand identity, positioning, communication, image, and equity.

Effective Business Communication

Prof Bringi Dev N and Prof Rakesh Godhwani

- Focuses on improving communication skills by addressing inherent challenges and also offering techniques to overcome them to excel in one's professional life.

Digital Marketing

Prof Shainesh G

- Designed for those interested in how marketers use digital channels to attract, reach, interact, and engage with customers.

POPULAR, WHY?

- IIMB courses target the skillsets that add to immediate employability
- IIMB courses address topics that are contemporary and in demand
- The IIMB courses across domains are complementary & provide value both individually and as a bundle
- IIMB's track record of delivering excellent courses since Jan 2017

on the list

TRENDS

1 As there is an increase in interest when it comes to investment and entrepreneurship courses, naturally, the popularity of courses that help entrepreneurs and intrapreneurs is also on the rise

2 Continuous and lifelong learning is the new mantra

3 SWAYAM's reach beyond Tier I & II cities and growth as a renowned go-to place for online education with assured quality and credibility. Students have enrolled from 500 cities in July 2024.

EXAMINATIONS

Internal assessment

- Internal assessments are conducted online within the respective course pages.
- Participants can complete these assessments at their convenience, ensuring flexibility in learning.
- Scores are displayed immediately after the due date of the assessment to help learners track their progress and identify areas for improvement for the final exam.

Final exam

- The final examination is administered by the National Testing Agency (NTA) to ensure standardisation & reliability.
- To accommodate participants, the final exam is scheduled over four days, divided into eight slots, typically during weekends.
- This scheduling minimises disruptions to learners' professional and personal commitments, making it feasible for a wide range of participants.
- The well-structured examination framework ensures accessibility and convenience while maintaining the integrity of the evaluation process.
- This dual-layered evaluation system combines the flexibility of online assessments with the rigour of a standardised final examination, catering to diverse learners and maintaining high academic standards.
- In 2024, University Grants Commission (UGC) introduced a new framework that allows universities to conduct exams for courses available through SWAYAM

FUN FACTS

- In July 2023, 45% of enrollment came from students, while 40% were working professionals.
- In July 2024, student representation shot up to 64% and professionals was 36%.

PROFESSOR VASANTHI SRINIVASAN, Chairperson, IIMBx

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The first feature-length talkie film *In Old Arizona* shot entirely outdoors was released. It used the new technology of sound throughout

RECOGNITION

This old black-and-white film, directed first by Raoul Walsh and later by Irving Cummings, was nominated for four Academy Awards, including Best Picture

THE INSPIRATION

In Old Arizona is the story of the daredevil and roguish thief, the Cisco Kid, a character based on O Henry's short story *The Caballero's Way* (1907)

SHOOTING SPOTS

The film utilised the town of Grafton, Utah, close to the Zion National Park to film certain sequences. The landscape of the American West was captured

CE's guide to happenings in the city

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In the city to unveil his new wedding collection, renowned fashion designer **Tarun Tahiliani** talks to *CE* about Bengaluru being the least consumptive city

'B'LUREANS BUY THE FINEST THINGS'

ANJALI RAM

RENOWNED for his dexterity in giving traditional artistry a modern twist, and being the creative force behind many celebrated looks like Oprah Winfrey's memorable pink and orange Kanjeevaram saree, the slinky jersey saree that Lady Gaga donned during her debut performance in India, and Kim Kardashian's dusty peach lehenga at the Ambani wedding, **Tarun Tahiliani**, is one of India's most popular designers right now. Recently in the city to unveil his new wedding collection, 'Baaraat' by Tasva, he says, "Bengaluru is the least consumptive of the cities we work in. However, Bengalureans buy the finest things."

PICS: VINOD KUMAR T

Influencer Rida Tharana (left) walks the ramp at 'Baaraat' on Saturday

Drawn by art since childhood, Tahiliani's journey into fashion was anything but typical. Initially interested in architecture and later studying business, he finally pursued designing after working in retail. "I'm a designer who embraces all things Indian and pairs them with Western construction techniques in the hope of creating a new 'Indian modern' identity," he explains.

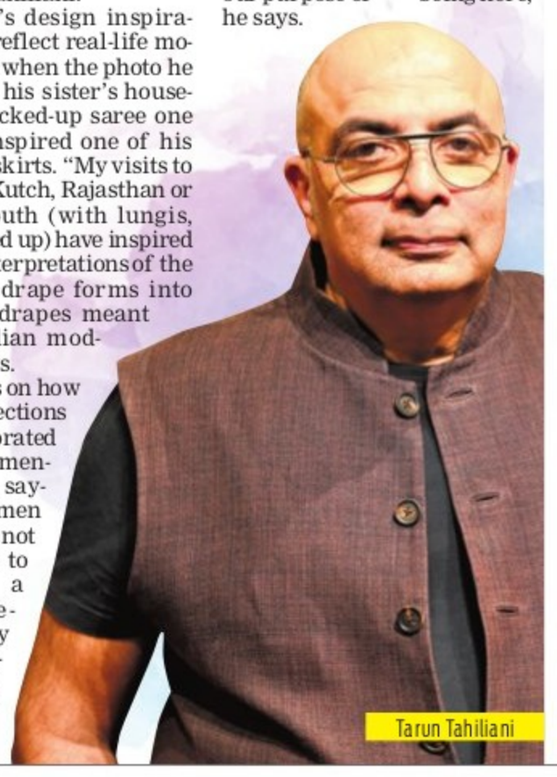
Tahiliani credits the birth of his new collection to a conversation with Kumar Mangalam Birla during which they noticed a gap in the market for premium yet masculine menswear. This led to a goal of bringing quality clothing at an accessible price, catering to Indian men. While staying rooted in traditional techniques of handwork and some machine work along with the use of traditional motifs, the contemporary touch comes in the structure of the drapes, making it a smooth fusion.

Prioritising the comfort of customers, Tahiliani's approach mainly focuses on modern practicality. "It is always a delight to hear from people who have tried things in front of you say, 'we never realised that Indian clothes could be so comfortable'," says Tahiliani.

Tahiliani's design inspirations often reflect real-life moments – like when the photo he captured of his sister's household help in a tucked-up saree one morning, inspired one of his best-selling skirts. "My visits to Kathiawar, Kutch, Rajasthan or even the south (with lungis, worn, hitched up) have inspired countless interpretations of the traditional drape forms into structured drapes meant for the 'Indian modern'," he says.

He reflects on how his new collections have incorporated such experimental designs, saying, "Most men today would not know what to do with a shawl, because they can be unwieldy and you have just got to have it in your skin to keep wrapping it and managing it. However, we have done drapes that are a part of the kurta and slowly, once people are used to that, maybe they will go back to actual shawls as well."

Reflecting on the current landscape of the Indian fashion industry, he feels a need for increased professionalism from the fashion council governing bodies in providing the right exposure to young designers. "Fashion is a serious business and serious businesses are built on clothes that are wearable. If young designers understand that, we would have well served our purpose of being here," he says.



Tarun Tahiliani

GRUB HUB

Aslam Gafoor (@aslamgafoor) is a seasoned hospitality professional with a rich background in business development, sales, and marketing with renowned hotels and F&B companies. With an unwavering passion for food, travel, and wines, he takes great delight in sharing his insights and experiences as a columnist.

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CITY READ

Students push for safer roads

Students from CMR University and CMR Institute of Technology (CMRIT) joined hands to promote road safety during National Road Safety Week 2025. Held near Kundalahalli gate and Brookfield signals, the event saw over 50 students rallying with placards and engaging commuters to emphasise safe driving practices.The initiative, supported by HAL Traffic Police and guided by Constable Shaziya, stressed the importance of following traffic rules, wearing helmets, and avoiding distractions. Interactive sessions and visual messages highlighted the need for responsible road behaviour to reduce accidents.

Conglomerate advances plans to establish medical school

The Tata Group and the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) have joined forces to establish a medical school to promote healthcare education and further research. The Tata IISc Medical School will be housed in the IISc Benguluru campus and will receive an endowment of ₹500 crore to support its establishment. The centre will focus on a wide roster of specialities, including cardiology, neurology, nephrology, diabetes and oncology. It will offer an integrated MD-PhD and other dual degree programmes to develop a new generation of physician-scientists.

COMICS CARNIVAL

PICS: ALLEN EGENUSE J

COMIC book fans assembled in hordes this weekend to celebrate Comic Con at KTPO, Whitefield. With the appearance of industry giants like Ron Marz and Jamal Igle and performances by Azeem Banatwalla and more, the crowd got more than their money's worth. Cosplayers reigned supreme at this year's fest as well, with highlights like Batman and characters from *Squid Game*.

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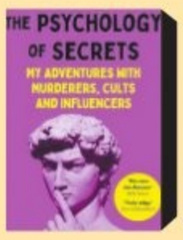
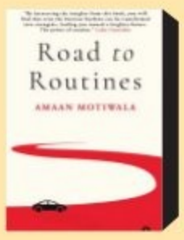


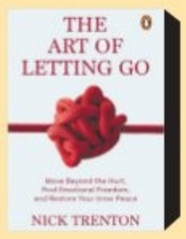
The Psychology of Secrets
by Andrew Gold

An insight into the hidden sphere of secrets through a blend of psychology, history, and personal interviews, exploring why we keep secrets, the mental toll they take, and our fascination with the secrets of others.



Road to Routines
by Amaan Motiwala

The book discusses a science-based technique for saying goodbye to procrastination and welcoming productivity. Follow the rules and activities here to have a successful routine that adds discipline to life during the teen years.



The Art of Letting Go
by Nick Trenton

This book offers helpful tips on how to avoid obsessing over the future and dwelling in the past, aiming to help you control your thoughts, manage your happiness, and restore your inner peace.

The Blaft Book of Anti-Caste SF
By Blaft Publication

This anthology features a diverse range of South Asian writers, blending Dalit futurism and magical realism. It explores themes like cyber horror, solar punk, and ancient mythology.

VEGAN VIBES

Visitors check out vegan products during the 'Veganuary Festival' at Chamara Vajra, Jayamahal | ALLEN EGENUSE J

QUICKFIX

POTATO OMELETTE

INGREDIENTS

- **Potato:** 1 (grated)
- **Eggs:** 2
- **Salt:** 1 tsp
- **Chilli powder:** 1/2 tsp
- **Green chilli:** 1, finely chopped
- **Onion:** 1, chopped
- **Coriander:** For garnish

METHOD

- To a pan add 2 teaspoons of oil and put the grated potato in it.
- Then crack in the eggs and place a lid to let it cook.
- Then add salt, chilli powder, onions, green chilli and cook it for a while.
- After the eggs are cooked garnish it with coriander leaves. Serve hot.

Contributed by **Sheba,** Hyderabad

ASK AN XPERT

DR VIVEK ARORA
drvivekarora@hotmail.com

The expert is a senior veterinarian, Dr Gandhi's Pet Clinic, Delhi

How often should I give my pet dog a bath in winter? Can my pet dog use the shampoo I use? If not, can you suggest some good ones?

In winters, it's generally recommended to bathe your dog every 4 to 6 weeks, unless they become particularly dirty or smelly. Infact, combing them twice daily will serve you a better purpose. Frequent bathing can dry out their skin, especially in colder temperatures. You should not use human shampoo on your dog, as it's designed for human skin and has a different pH balance, which could cause irritation. Some great dog shampoos have ingredients that include oat meal, benzoyl peroxide, macadamia oil, aloe vera. Look for brands which have a reputation in the market or ask your veterinarian for suggestions. You can choose shampoo with one of the above ingredients, all of which are gentle, safe, and perfect for keeping your dog's skin and coat healthy.

FITBIT

VAJRASANA ON TOES
(THUNDERBOLT POSE VARIATION ON TOES)

This variation is part of Yin Yoga sequence. It is an effective stretch that increases flexibility and blood circulation to toes, feet and lower legs, deeply releasing tension around the soles and stimulates the lower body meridians. This can be done by those who find balancing the weight over the ankles challenging. It is a warm-up pose to prepare the body for more intense ones.

STEPS

- Sit in Vajrasana (Thunderbolt Pose) and then start by coming to all fours, Table Top Pose.
- Gently tuck your toes in. Take a big breath and see how you feel.
- Bring the toes, heels, and knees closer and together.
- If possible, lead forward and with the help of your hands bring the heels together.
- Take a big breath in, and while exhaling, slowly push your hips back to sit back on your heels, bringing your body upright.
- Your head, neck, and back must be in one line and sit tall with the back straight.
- Bring the hands on the knees, lift the chin slightly up and stay in the pose with your eyes closed for about 5-8 breaths.
- If you want to deepen the practice, you can place a block on the heels and sit back on it. Hold for 3-5 breaths.
- Release the pose slowly and come back to Chair Tadasana and relax.
- To release, inhale, lower your hands in front of you, lift the hips up, slowly release feet to point toes backward, and with your big toes together and heels apart, exhale, come in Vajrasana. Relax.
- Extend your legs one by one in front and follow a few rounds of stretches and rotations to get more rest.
- It can also be practised by sitting on a chair.

BENEFITS

- Stretches the feet and ankles.
- Helps strengthen the bottom muscles of the feet and toes.
- Keeps feet and toes healthy.
- Practise any time of the day (especially feel tired), even after having a meal.
- Brings a nice and gentle pressure in the knees and toes.
- Good stretch to prevent and treat plantar fasciitis, which may cause heel pain.
- A wonderful pose for the hikers, walkers, climbers, teens, kids, working professionals, sportspersons.
- Remedy for especially the middle-aged people who commonly get leg cramps.
- A more suitable pose for pregnant ladies to soothe swollen feet during pregnancy.
- Stimulates all the meridians of the lower body-the bladder, kidney, stomach, spleen, gallbladder, and liver.
- Helps remove stiffness in the concerned muscles, increasing the blood circulation to the feet.

LIMITATIONS

- Students who have injuries in the feet and ankles, legs, knees, hips, or undergone foot, ankle, or knee surgery, should avoid this practice.
- Senior citizens and pregnant women must get the guidance of a yoga expert.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Comedy Night

Start your week with an evening filled with laughter. Join Joke in Progress, a stand-up comedy open mike to laugh your heart out.

WHEN: January 20, 8.30pm
WHERE: Glen's Bake House, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Soulful Healing

Join the Meditation on Twin Hearts workshop to experience peace and healing. This guided session fosters inner peace, compassion, and emotional well-being, and is suitable for all levels.

WHEN: January 20, 7pm
WHERE: Namma Ashram, Whitefield
DETAILS: allevents.in

Artful Inks

Join this vibrant workshop to create stunning art with alcohol inks. Learn techniques and design your own unique pieces. All levels are welcome.

WHEN: January 20, 5pm
WHERE: Art Beat, HSR Layout
DETAILS: allevents.in

Snap Happy

Treat yourself to a professional photoshoot and find out what your ideal look is at this event. This is the perfect place to get some personalised photos and also meet new friends.

WHEN: January 20, 12.30pm
WHERE: Marcopolo Cafe, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Shop & Celebrate

Celebrate Republic Day with a lively shopping fiesta. Explore a variety of stalls offering fashion, home decor, and more.

WHEN: January 20, 10am
WHERE: Manyata Tech Park, Hebbal
DETAILS: bookmystall.in

Creative Unwind

Reignite your creativity and spontaneity in this fun-filled theatre workshop. Embrace play and self-expression in a relaxed environment.

WHEN: January 21, 11am
WHERE: Yours Truly Theatre, Indiranagar
DETAILS: allevents.in

Resin Bliss

Learn the paint and pour technique and create a beautiful resin koi pond with your newfound skills at this workshop. Ideal event to meet fellow art enthusiasts.

WHEN: January 20, 5pm
WHERE: Art Beat, HSR Layout
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

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ART CORNER

ART BEYOND PLEASURE

Artist Probir Gupta creates a socially engaging mix-media canvas to address social inequality and class struggle, stirring important conversations in society

SIMPLY AMAZING!

With its elegant design, spacious cabin, commendable features, top-notch performance, and now ADAS, the Honda Amaze continues to be a compelling choice

LEKSHMI C PILLAI

SINCE its launch in 2013, Amaze, Honda's entry-level model in India, has showcased the Japanese carmaker's strength in the compact sedan category, earning the trust of over six lakh customers. It is Honda's highest-selling car in the country. Now, with the third-generation model on the horizon, sales are expected to get even better. Recently, the company invited me for a review drive of the new Amaze in Goa. Here are my first impressions.

Exterior

The Amaze retains its 3-box design, offering a sedan shape while staying under four metres in length. Key updates compared to the second-generation model include changes to the front grille and rear design. The front grille, with its upright stance and sleek LED head lamps, resembles the Honda Elevate SUV, while the rear design draws inspiration from the Honda City sedan. The side profile remains similar to the second-generation Amaze, with only minor updates, such as the repositioned rearview mirror mounted on the door.

Interior

The horizontal instrument panel and door lines incorporate smooth, straight flow lines, creating a cleaner, wider look and the premium Beige & Black theme remains familiar. The eight-inch touchscreen, though functional, comes with thick bezels.

The seats are comfortable, offering good thigh support and cushioning. The inclusion of three rear headrests and three-point seat belts is a positive.

However, while the rear AC vent is a welcome addition, it reduces legroom.

Tech

A standout feature is the inclusion of Advanced Driver Assist System (ADAS) Level-2, making it the most affordable ADAS-enabled car in India. Available in both manual and CVT, ADAS uses a high-performance front wide-view camera to detect road lines, boundaries, objects, and pedestrians. However, the absence of a 360-degree camera is a drawback, although the Left Lane-Watch camera compensates to some extent.

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Performance

The Amaze is powered by a reliable 1.2-litre, 4-cylinder i-VTEC petrol engine, delivering 89 hp of power and 110 Nm of torque.

The manual variant stands out for its light clutch and well-calibrated gear ratios, which are particularly suited for city driving. The CVT variant is smooth in urban traffic but can feel slightly underwhelming under hard acceleration.

The claimed fuel efficiency is 19.46 km/l for the CVT and 18.65 km/l for the manual. Ride quality is commendable, supported by a well-tuned suspension and well-weighted steering.

Price and verdict

Priced between ₹8 lakh and ₹10.90 lakh (ex-showroom), it is competitively positioned in its segment. Available in three feature-packed trims with manual and CVT options, and a choice of six exterior colours, the Amaze is a solid option for anyone seeking a well-rounded, no-nonsense sedan.

Mercedes-Benz rolls out two new electric vehicles

Mercedes-Benz has introduced two new Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs): the G580 with EQ Technology and the EQS SUV 450 4MATIC. G580 brings the iconic off-road capabilities of the G-Class into the electric era. Powered by four individually controlled electric motors, it delivers 432 kW (587 hp) and 1,164 Nm of torque, achieving 0-100 km/h in just 4.7 seconds. Available as the exclusive Edition One in India, the G580 starts at ₹3 crore (ex-showroom). Locally manufactured at Mercedes-Benz's Chakan plant in Pune, EQS SUV 450 4MATIC is a luxurious 5-seater that delivers 265 kW (360 hp) and 800 Nm of torque, accelerating from 0-100 km/hr in 6.1 seconds. Priced at ₹1.28 crore (ex-showroom), it offers powerful performance and luxury.

NEW RELEASES

Hyundai Motor India unveils Creta electric

Hyundai Motor India Limited has unveiled the electric version of the Hyundai Creta. This electric SUV combines bold design, advanced technology, and exceptional safety features, setting new standards in India's EV market. The Creta Electric features an aerodynamic design with a unique pixelated front grille, front and rear bumpers, and pixelated LED reverse lamps. The interiors are vibrant and premium, packed with exciting features. It is available with two battery pack options: a 51.4 kWh (Long Range) offering a range of 473 km and a 42 kWh pack with a range of 390 km. The SUV boasts more than 75 advanced safety features, with 52 as standard across variants, and accelerates from 0-100 km/h in just 7.9 seconds.

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CHANGE OF NAME

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I, **VENUTH P** (old name), son of Mr. H.V. Puttaswamy Gowda, aged about 39 years, residing at No. 53, 2nd Floor, Honey Garden, Mallasandra Road, Near Holiday Village Resort, Thalaghattapura, Bengaluru – 560 109, do hereby declare that I have changed my name as **VINUTH GOWDA** (new name), vide Affidavit dated 17.01.2025, sworn before Mr. M. Narendran, Advocate & Notary, at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KEDAR VISWANATHAN**, aged about 28 years, S/o. Mr. N. Viswanathan, R/at Flat No.308, 'DSR Pride Apartment, 24th Main Road, Sector-2, HSR Layout, Bengaluru-560102.
I have changed my name from **"KEDAR VISWANATHAN"** to **"KEDHAR VISSWANATHAN"** hereafter in all official Record and Deeds instruments in Writing & in all actions etc., Whatsoever use & Sign the name of **"KEDHAR VISSWANATHAN"** only. vide affidavit dated **16/01/2025** sworn to before Notary **B.H.HANUMANTHARAYA**, advocate & Notary, at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **K V ABDUL LATHEEF**, S/o Aboobacker & Fathima Abubacker residing at No,33/1, 4th Cross, Bhimanna Layout, Kaval Byrasandra, R.T.Nagar P.o Bangalore-560032, have changed my name from **KANAN VEEDU LATHIFF to K V ABDUL LATHEEF & my date of birth is 10-06-1974** vide affidavit dated: 06-01-2025 before Notary, Sivakumara.M.N, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Jahnavi Barman, aged about 43 years, Daughter of Sri. Sekhar Yerramilli, residing at No. 15186, Tower-15, Prestige Lakeside Habitat, Gunjur, Bengaluru-560087, I state that after my marriage have changed my name from **JAHNAVI YERRAMILLI** to **JAHNAVI BARMAN**, and now I intend to change my name to **"JAHNVI YERRAMILLI"**, and hereby declare that all the names i.e **"JAHNVI YERRAMILLI", "JAHNAVI BARMAN"** and **"JAHNAVI YERRAMILLI"** are belongs to me only, vide Affidavit dated 13.01.2025, duly notarized by Notary Public S.Vijayakumar, Bengaluru. Henceforth, In Future my name will beknown as **"JAHNVI YERRAMILLI"** only.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHREE PRABHA VARMA**, D/o R. Soma Varma, aged 55 years, R/at No. A9, Orchid Enclave Layout, Kannur, Hennur Main Road, Behind Orchid Green Apartments, Bengaluru-562149 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SREE PRABHA YOGARAJ** to **SREE PRABHA VARMA** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SREE PRABHA VARMA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 18/01/2025 sworn before Advocate and Notary **D.S. CHANDRAKANTH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **LAVANYA .C,** W/o Darshan .R, aged about 27 years, resident of No. 18, Shivakrupa, 1st Main, 5th Cross, Kottigepalya, Magadi Main Road, Bengaluru-560091, State Karnataka do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **LAVANYA .C** to **LAVANYA DARSHAN** henceforth I shall be known and called as **LAVANYA DARSHAN** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 18/01/2025 sworn before Advocate and Notary **PRAKASH .C** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ADITI RANJAN @ ADITI,** W/o Sri Krishna Rajan, aged about 42 years, R/at B 413, Radiant Shine Apartment, Begur Koppa Road, Yelenahalli, Bengaluru-560068, do hereby declare that my name from **ADITI** to **ADITI RANJAN** after my marriage henceforth I shall be known and called as **ADITI RANJAN** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 17/01/2025 sworn before Advocate and Notary **M. RAJENDRA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRAJWAL,** S/o B.S Kesar Singh, aged about 30 years, residing at No. 111, 8th Main, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560055 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PRAJWAL** to **PRAJWAL KESAR SINGH** henceforth I shall be known and called as **PRAJWAL KESAR SINGH** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 17/01/2025 sworn before Advocate and Notary **SUMITHRA .N** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JNANASHREE S,** C/o Sreedhar M V, aged about 38 years, residing at No. 224, 1st Main Road, Bapuji Layout, Bogadi, Mysore, Karnataka, India-570026 do hereby declare that natural guardian of the minor child name is **VIHAAN S** to **VIHAN SREEDHAR** henceforth I shall be known and called as **VIHAN SREEDHAR** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 17/01/2025 sworn before Advocate and Notary **ANITHA BAI** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MOHAMMED BAKSH,** S/o. late. Pyaru Sab, residing at Near SB Transport, Ali Mohalla, Chitradurga 577501, Karnataka State, today camping at Bengaluru, have changed my name to **ALLA BAKASH** vide Affidavit Dated: 18/01/2025 sworn before Notary **MEER HASSAN,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mr. THYAGARAJU,** S/o Mr. Siddappa, aged about 65 years, residing at No. 67, Adhinarayana Comlony, K.E.B. 2nd Colony, Subramanyapura, Bengaluru-560061, do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **THYAGARAJU & THYAGARAJ** are one and the same and refers to me only, vide affidavit dated 11/01/2025 sworn before Advocate and Notary **PRAKASHA .C** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRIYADARSHINII ROY,** D/o. Mr. Nirmal Roy & Mrs. Kajal Roy, aged about 36 years, r/a #302, 3rd Floor, No. 9, NGR Layout, Roopena Agrahara, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru-68, have changed my name from **'PRIYADARSHINI ROY'** to **'PRIYADARSHINII ROY'** due to numerological reasons and as per the advice of my parents. I have sworn to an Affidavit dated 15/01/2025 before the Notary Public in this regard. Henceforth, my name will be spelt as **'PRIYADARSHINII ROY'** in all the records, communications & references and for all purposes sworn before Advocate and Notary **PUTTARAMAIAH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BHAGYASHREE NAGESH KANNOLLI** W/o Nagesh B Kannoli, aged about 30 years, R/at No.189, Shiva Complex, 1st Main, Near Bank of Baroda, Shivananda Nagar, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore - 560072, have changed my name from **BHAGYASHREE D GUJAGOND** to **BHAGYASHREE NAGESH KANNOLLI** (New name) for all purposes vide Affidavit dated 13.01.2025, Sworn before Notary G. Dayananda, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRAJNA** W/o Krishnaprasad B.A., Age 41 years, Occ: House wife, R/o FCI Layout, Deepanjali Nagar, Bangaluru, have changed my Son's name from **PRANAV K BHARADWAJ** to **PRANAV KRISHNA PRASAD BHARADWAJ** (New name) for all purposes vide Affidavit dated 30-12-2024, Sworn before Notary Lokesh K.M, Hubballi.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ANUPAMA PRASAD** W/o Ramakrishna Prasad Nirchal, R/at # E3-305, SMR Vinay Estella, Singapura Paradise, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore - 560097, have changed my name from **ANUPAMA** to **ANUPAMA PRASAD** (New name) for all purposes vide Affidavit dated 13-01-2025, Sworn before Notary G.R. Ravichandra Reddy, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mr. ANKIT SHARMA**, and Resident of # 201, Anshi Kunj, No. 27, Basavaraja Lane, A.N.S. Temple Street, Cotton Pete, BBMP (Central) Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 053, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Mr. ANKIT SURESH SHARMA** to **Mr. ANKIT SHARMA** vide affidavit dated 17.01.2025 sworn to before Smt. Vatsala, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of Karnataka, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Subhashini Nallam W/o Gurunath Paluru** residing at No.1/45, Gopavaram, Cuddapah, Andhra Pradesh - 516360 have changed my name from **Subhashini Paluru** to **Subhashini Nallam** for all future purposes vide affidavit number IN-KA23-86420650321X dated 16.01.2025 before notary Natesh D (Advocate) Bengaluru

AFFIDAVIT
I, No. 13627565M, Hav **JEETA RAM GURJAR**, Aged about 38 years, resident at Dhani-Gujrawala, Gram, Sanjay Nagar, Papurana, Jhunjhunun, Rajasthan - 333503, today at Bangalore, do hereby declare that my wife's **MANOJ DEVI** was born on 03.03.1992. That in my army service records my wife's name has been wrongly mentioned as **MANOJ KUMARI** instead of **MANOJ DEVI** which is my wife's correct name as per her Aadhar Card. Vide affidavit dated 18.01.2025 sworn to before V. Rajashekhara, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **PRAKASH RAO @ PRAKASH RAO N**, Aged 49 years, C/o. Nagaraj Rao, Residing at No. 10, 2nd Cross, Behind Government PU College, Attiguppe, Maruthi Layout, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560 040, do hereby declare that, **PRAKASH RAO** and **PRAKASH RAO N,** is one and the same person. Hereinafter in all records and in all proceedings, dealings and transaction, private as well as on all occasion whatsoever use my name as **PRAKASH RAO** vide affidavit dated 18.01.2025 sworn to before Dr. R.S. Vijay, Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **SRINIVASA HALAGUR GURUVAIAH**, S/o. Guruvaiah Alias Kariyappa and Residing at No. 619, Srinivasa Nilaya 2nd Cross, NES Extension Ward No. 5, Malavalli Town, Mandya-571430, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SRINIVASA MURTHY HALAGUR GURUVAIAH** to **SRINIVASA HALAGUR GURUVAIAH,** vide affidavit dated 15.01.2025, sworn to before M. Radhamma, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Devaraju Brahmaiah V** (Old Name), S/o Brahmaiah V., aged about 39 years, residing at No. 17, 1st Main, 4th Cross, Pragathi Layout, Kings Club, Muddinapalya, Bengaluru - 560 091 have changed my name as **DEVARAJU B. V.** (New Name) vide affidavit dated 17.01.2025 sworn before Advocate & Notary H. R. Karunakara, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Kamil M D.,** S/o. Khalander M.D. aged about 28 years, R/at No. 13/1, 9th Cross, MRP Bar, Manorayanapalya, VTC, Bangalore North, R. T. Nagar - 560 032. I state in my old passport my name is wrongly mentioned as Kamil instead of Kamil MD & my father's name as Bakshi Shiek Mohammed Khalander instead of Khalander M. D.& in my school records & Aadhar Card my name is mentioned as Kamil M.D. and my father name as Khalander M.D. which is correct. I state that my correct name is **KAMIL M.D. S/o. KHALANDER M.D.** vide affidavit dated 15.11.2024 sworn before Advocate & Notary Sivakumara M. N. Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUHAIL AHMED,** aged 62 years, S/o. Late Abdulla Khan, Residing at No. 282, Ground Floor, 8th Cross, 2nd Main, Lakshmi Layout, Puttenahalli, Bengaluru South, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru -560076, have changed my name to **ARIFULLA KHAN** vide affidavit dated: 07.01.2025 before notary AMBRESHAPPA, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **HUMERA TABUSSUM** resident of NO.7 CRESCENT CEDAR APTS, ASHOKA ROAD, RICHARDS TOWN, BANGALORE-560084, have changed my name to **HUMERA TABASSUM** vide affidavit dated 18-01-2025 sworn to before advocate and notary S.I. Balaguru, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JAYA KUMARA M B,** S/o Sri. Bommarayi Gowda, aged 60 years, residing at Flat No. S1, Vaibhav Exotica, Site No. 93, Nagarabhavi Main Road, Near Sai Baba Temple, Old Ward No. 38, New Ward No. 127, Moodalapalya, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 072 have changed my name to **M B JAYAKUMAR** vide affidavit dated 18-01-2025 sworn to before advocate and notary Deepa .M, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JUZER SHAMSUDDIN,** resident of No-11, Soni Gardenia apartment, Flat No-51, 4th Floor, Rose Garden Road, JP Nagar, Bengaluru 560078, have changed my name to **JUZER SHAMSUDDIN KAGALWALA** vide affidavit dated 17-01-2025 sworn to before advocate and notary Onkarappa .N.R, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **GNANESH MANJUNATH** Resident of NO 56, CII-IQ MAIN ROAD, BEHIND BHARATH NAGAR 2ND STAGE, MUNEESHWARA LAYOUT, BANGALORE NORTH, BENGALURU, KARNATAKA - 560091, have changed my name from **GNANESH MANJUNATHA** to **GNANESH MANJUNATH,** vide affidavit dated 18/1/2025 sworn to before Chandrakala Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **C. K. MANUKUMARA** S/o Sri. C. Krishna, aged about 20 years, AADHAR No. 7470 9672 1664, residing at No. 8C, 2nd Cross, 1st Main, BFW Layout, Peenya 3rd Phase, BENGALURU - 560058, have changed my name from **K.MANUMARA** to **C.K.MANUKUMARA,** vide affidavit dated 18/1/2025 sworn to before K.S.Bammappanavar Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mr Manikandan,** S/o R L Babu, aged about 32 years, No 292/1, 14th Cross Vignana Nagar Bangalore North, New Thippasandra, Bangalore-560075, have changed my name from **Manikandan** to **Manikandan Prathaap,** vide affidavit dated 16/1/2025 sworn to before M.Narendran Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAVIKUMAR SHIVANNA,** Aged about 45 years, S/o Mr. Shivanna N, R/a. C-2, 1006, SNN Raj Serenity, Begur, Koppa Main Road, Yellenahalli, Bangalore - 560068, I declare that, my son name is **AAYUSH** and **AAYUSH RAVIKUMAR** are of one and same person, pertains to my son only. I declare that his full name is **AAYUSH RAVIKUMAR.,** vide affidavit dated 18/1/2025 sworn to before B.M.Chandrashekar Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

DECLARATION
I, SANGEETHA B D/o D. BABULAL aged about 26 years, residing @ #3960, 12th Main, 2nd Stage, Kumara Swamy Layout, Bangalore South, JP Nagara, Bangalore-560078, declare that my correct date of birth is 24-10-1999 as per my birth certificate, but in my Marks Card by the Dayananada Sagar International School, Bangalore, my date of birth wrongly mentioned as 26-06-1995, so my correct date of birth is 24-10-1999 vide affidavit dated 23-12-2024, sworn before Notary H.M.Umesh, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Anoopa. B. K D/o B. V. Karunesh residing at Sobha forest view #7044 Ebony, 100 feet Vajarahalli main, B.S.K 6th phase, Turahalli forest, Thalaghattapura, Bengaluru -560109 do solemnly affirm and state the following in oat
1. I am a deponent here in
2. I state that my son studying in st judes public school and junior college, Kotagiri. I have registered his name in the school as Avyukth. P which initial has to be changed of erroneously recorded previous school.
3. Now i intend to correct my son name as Avyukth. N. Angadi in all the records instead of Avyukth. P
4. Hence i request the school to register my son name as Avyukth. N. Angadi in all school records.
5. All the above facts stated above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief Anoopa. B. K.
vide Affidavit dated 17-01-2025 sworn before advocate and notary S.N. Madhu, Bangalore

CORRECTION IN NAME
I Sanjay son of Vijayendranath Chowdhary aged 41 years residing at Bengaluru do here by correcting my name for the below reason and submitting affidavit to the Passport Authority.
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'ROYAL DEMANDED ME TO EMBRACE GLAMOUR'

... says Sanjana Anand, thrilled to step out of her comfort zone in Dinakar Thoogudeepa's upcoming film, where she stars alongside Viraat

A SHARADHAA

SANJANA, who began her journey with the critically acclaimed *Chemistry of Kariyappa* and the web series *Honey Moon*, has navigated a challenging yet rewarding path in the industry. Reflecting on her journey, she shares, "As a fresher, I received a warm welcome, especially with a project like *Salaga*. It felt like I belonged here. But then, COVID disrupted everything, and two of my films didn't work. At one point, I questioned my decision to enter the industry, especially without a godfather."

Determined to make a comeback, Sanjana focused on self-improvement. "I started grooming myself and waited patiently for the right projects. That's when *Royal* came my way," she explains. Marking her first glamorous role, *Royal* is a significant departure from her girl-next-door portrayals. "Even though *Salaga* was a commercial entertainer, my role was understated. Similarly, in the upcoming *Ekka* with Yuva Rajkumar, I play a next-door girl. But *Royal* demanded me to embrace glamour, and it has opened new doors for me."

Sanjana clarifies, however, that her role in *Royal* isn't limited to just looking glamorous. "It's not a hero-centric film where I'm merely the love interest. There's substantial scope for performance, and I've worked hard to showcase that. The rushes have shown I can balance both glam and performance-oriented roles. It feels like my patience has paid off."

When asked if glamour is the way forward, Sanjana disagrees. "I started with a critically acclaimed film, and my focus on meaningful work remains. But I've realised that looking good and acting well go hand in hand, and I'm continuing to work on both."

Speaking about director Dinakar Thoogudeepa, Sanjana praises his approach. "He's one of those directors who allows you to bring your own input to a scene while knowing how to extract exactly what the film needs."

Sanjana is equally impressed by her co-star Viraat. "He's incredibly passionate and hard-working, giving more than 100% to this project, on and off screen. I truly hope his efforts translate to success," she concludes.

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A still from the film

KP Sreekanth and Vijay Kumar to collaborate once again after *Salaga*

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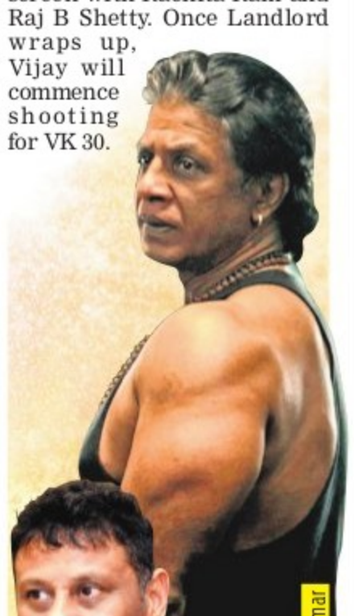
ACTOR Vijay Kumar, known for his role in Bheema, has announced his next project with long-time associate RR Vetri Vel, popularly known as Thambi. Tentatively titled VK 30, the film marks a reunion with KP Sreekanth, who previously collaborated with Vijay on *Salaga*. Unlike *Salaga*, which was Vijay's directorial debut, this time, he will focus exclusively on acting, entrusting Thambi to direct.

VK 30, backed by Geetha Shivarajkumar, is being produced under the Venus Entertainers banner. The film's poster teases the return of the successful *Salaga* and Bheema team, featuring music by Charan Raj, dialogues by Masthi, and cinematography by Shiv Sena.

Currently, Vijay Kumar is busy filming Landlord with director Jadeshaa K Hampi. In the movie, Vijay plays the role of Rachayya, sharing the screen with Rachita Ram and Raj B Shetty. Once Landlord wraps up, Vijay will commence shooting for VK 30.



Vijay Kumar

K P Sreekanth

KANNAPPA has deep roots in Kannada cinema: Vishnu Manchu

Rockline Venkatesh is all set to distribute the mythological spectacle in Karnataka

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KANNAPPA, Vishnu Manchu's ambitious mythological film, is gearing up for a grand global release on April 25 in multiple languages. The film's Karnataka distribution will be handled by Rockline Venkatesh, who previously brought the blockbuster Kaatera to audiences.

A still from the film

After previewing the film, Rockline Venkatesh shared his thoughts, saying, "The emotional intensity post-interval, especially the climax, is unparalleled. Audiences will leave theatres with their hearts full and minds captivated. I'm proud to distribute this film in Karnataka."

Directed by Mukesh Kumar Singh, known for his work on the Mahabharat series, *Kannappa* delves into the journey of Thinnadu, an atheist who transforms into one of Lord Shiva's most devoted followers. Vishnu Manchu, the film's lead, spoke in Bengaluru about reimagining this iconic tale: "The story of *Kannappa* has been immortalised by legends like Dr. Rajkumar in Bedara *Kannappa* and Krishnam Raju in Telugu. After 50 years, we are bringing this timeless story to a new generation."

Vishnu also reflected on the significance of beginning promotions in Karnataka. "*Kannappa* has deep roots in Kannada cinema. Starting here is a tribute to Dr Rajkumar's legacy and to my uncle Ambareesh, who was family to us. If he were here, he would have been very proud." He further elaborated on the inspiration for the film, adding, "The land of Hanuman and Sri Krishnadevaraya has always been a beacon of cultural heritage. Watching Bedara *Kannappa* sparked the idea for this project."

Sharing an interesting anecdote, Vishnu revealed, "The idea of *Kannappa* took shape in 2015 after I initially approached Prabhu Deva to direct a film for me, which didn't materialise. Extensive research led us to this story, exploring Thinnadu's life before his transformation."

The film boasts an ensemble cast including Mohanlal, Akshay Kumar, Prabhas, Sarath Kumar, and Prabhu Deva. The latter choreographed three songs for the film and remarked, "Mohan Babu personally requested my involvement, and I couldn't refuse. Working on devotional tracks in a mythological film was a unique challenge."

Sarath Kumar, who filmed most of his scenes in New Zealand, said, "The visuals and storytelling will make all Indians proud. This is a story of faith, devotion, and the journey from atheism to theism."

Produced by Mohan Babu under Ava Entertainments and 24 Frames Factory, *Kannappa* combines meticulous storytelling with stunning visuals shot across scenic locations in New Zealand.

Mukesh Kumar Singh, Rockline Venkatesh, Vishnu Manchu, Sarathkumar, and Prabhudeva

'Rudra Garuda Purana grounds its story with the 17A Kaveri Express bus'

says director Nandeesh about his upcoming film, starring Rishi and Priyanka Kumar, set for release this week

Nandeesh

Rishi

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FOR KS Nandeesh, collaborating with director Jacob Varghese on films like Savari, Prithvi, and Chambal was a defining chapter in his career. "It was the best thing to happen to me," he reflects, crediting these experiences for shaping his directorial journey. "Jacob's attention to detail taught me how crucial every element is. It gave me the confidence to carve my own path."

Nandeesh's second directorial venture, *Rudra Garuda Purana*, is set to release on January 24. Following his debut with Dear Vikram, he steps into the mystery-thriller genre, drawing inspiration from the real-life enigma of Pan Am Flight 914. "The flight disappeared in 1955 and reappeared decades later with no official explanation. My story takes inspiration from this mystery but grounds it in reality with the 17A Kaveri Express bus," he explains. "While the flight's mystery remains debated, our film provides a solution through a crime-filled, suspenseful narrative with thrilling twists."

For the lead role, Nandeesh had a clear vision. "Rishi had the perfect personality to play a cop. His acting skills and effortless versatility make him ideal for this role. He will elevate *Rudra Garuda Purana*, and I believe this film will elevate his career," he shares.

The film also stars Priyanka Kumar as the female lead. Nandeesh is thrilled with how the project has taken shape, emphasising his commitment to the audience. "As a director, I want to respect the audience's time. When they invest two and a half hours, I want to ensure they leave satisfied. I believe *Rudra Garuda Purana* will deliver that," he says confidently, promising a film with a blend of intrigue, action, and compelling drama.

DHARMA KEERTHIRAJ'S NEXT TITLED *HARRY*

The actor will be part of a mystery thriller, directed by friends Surya Kiran and Arun Surya

CE FEATURES

ACTOR Dharma Keerthiraj, known for his stint on Bigg Boss, is returning to his passion—acting—with his upcoming film, *Harry*. Directed by Surya Kiran and Arun Surya, the film is a murder mystery infused with suspense and thrills.

Produced by Prashanth H E under Daivika Cine Creations, *Harry* explores an intriguing narrative about the unpredictability of human behaviour and the unforeseen consequences it can lead to.

Dharma Keerthiraj, who gained recognition with roles in Navagraha, Lambani (2018)—which earned international acclaim—and Anivarya (2019), celebrated at the Kolkata Film Festival, is making a strong comeback after a brief hiatus.

The film stars Preethi as the female lead, alongside Nawaz, Ashok Kerwatti, Kiran, and Prem. The technical team includes Shasht on music, Gagan handling cinematography, Srinivas as the editor, and action sequences choreographed by Kungfu Chandru.

Filming has taken place in picturesque locations like Madikeri and Chikmagalur, with two songs and an action sequence scheduled for completion soon. The film is set to release in Kannada and Telugu, ensuring a wider audience reach. The makers are gearing up to release the teaser soon, with an official announcement of the theatrical release date expected to follow.

Dharma Keerthiraj, Prashanth H E